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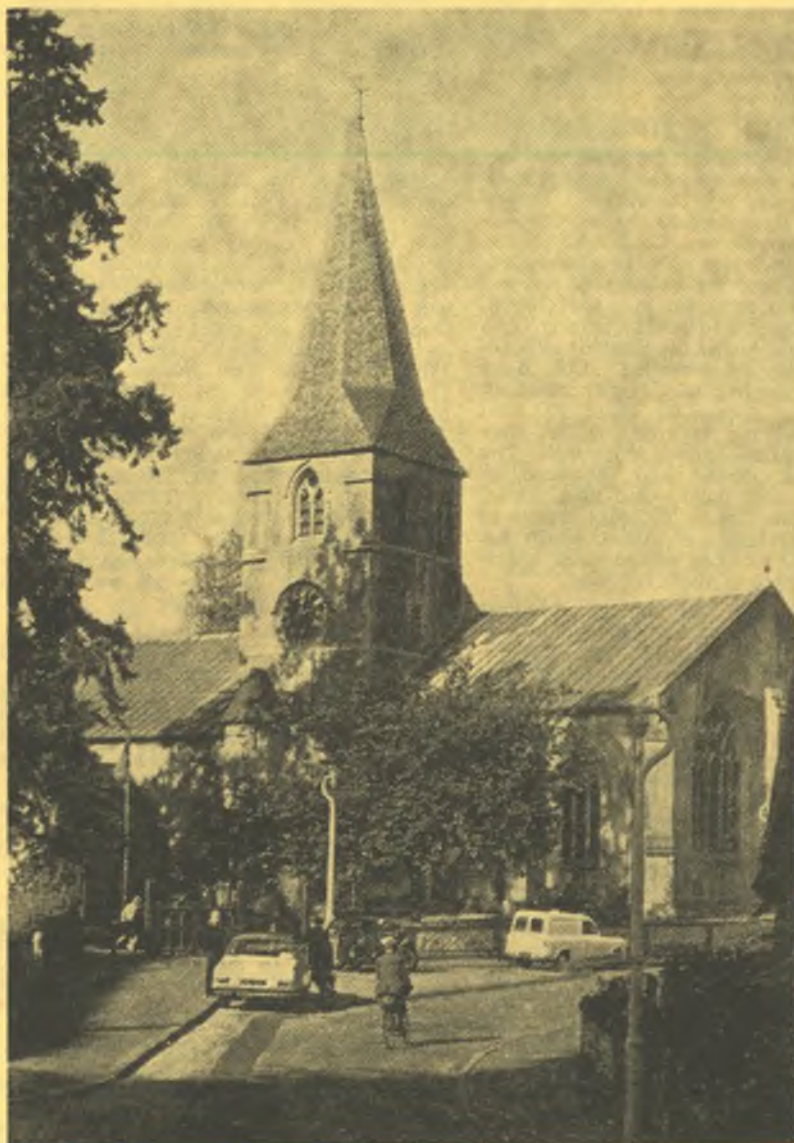
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**St. Lawrence,  
Alton,  
Hampshire**



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**Cover Picture****St. Lawrence, Alton, Hampshire**

WHEN THE BELLS ring out from the tower of St. Lawrence Church, Alton, they resound over ground which is rich in English history. For the Hampshire town of Alton is old. Indeed, it was among the oldest of primitive Wessex towns, and there was probably a township there as early as the sixth century. Its boundaries were clearly defined in 825 A.D., for in that year King Egbert, who was the first to rule from Wessex to Northumbria, bestowed on the old Minster at Winchester "fifteen hides in a place commonly called Aeweltune by the inhabitants." Three fierce encounters are recorded in Alton between Saxons and Danes, and an event of national importance took place there when Henry I and his brother, Robert of Normandy, signed a treaty by which the latter agreed to relinquish the throne of England on receipt of 3,000 marks annually.

Canterbury Pilgrims, who had landed at Southampton, passed through the town on their way to Farnham. It was in the Church of St. Lawrence, a church situated on high ground 360 feet above sea level, that an event took place in 1643 which was to make it famous.

**STRONGHOLD IN THE CHURCH**

Sir William Waller, the Parliamentary General, in a surprise attack on the town on December 13, put the Royalist cavalry to flight and then pursued the infantry under their commander, Col. John Boles, through the town and into the churchyard. The Cavaliers held the churchyard for two hours and then retreated into the church; they barricaded it and fought fiercely from its windows, but finally the superior strength of the Roundheads prevailed. Col. Boles was killed (according to a family tradition) in the pulpit. Altogether about 900 men surrendered and the 50 or 60 who died were buried outside the church's north wall. The old oak door, riddled and splintered by cannon balls and bullets and pike marks, with a loophole cut in it, today stands as witness of the Battle of Alton, which has been described as "one of the finest operations of its kind in the Civil War."

The River Wey rises in the meadows half a mile outside the town, and at one time its flow of water must have been terrific, for a paper mill, three other mills and a number of tanyards thrived on its banks. Alton was a prolific hop-growing area, and with the hops came the breweries and the popular "Alton Ales." Now, very little brewing is done in the town, and the paper mills, established in Alton in the 1700's, moved to Eynsford in 1908.

The poet Edmund Spenser lived in a cottage a couple of hundred yards from the church in the 1500's, and Cardinal Newman at one time lived in the town. William Curtis, well known as a botanist, resided in Alton, and the local museum bears his name. Alton's link with a tragedy was from the murder of young Fanny Adams not far from Alton Church in 1847. The phrase "Sweet Fanny Adams" is heard throughout the world.

"Progress" has taken much of the peace and quietness away from this market town. Amery Farm, which adjoined the church, no longer exists as such. Alton is now a commuter area, London being but 48 miles distant.

St. Lawrence Church is the old Parish Church, and is celebrating its 900th anniversary throughout 1970. There is a com-

prehensive programme throughout the year, including a Flower Festival this month and Son et Lumiere in September, and the bell-ringers are playing a conspicuous part. The Bellringing Festival is on July 18 and ringers from all areas are taking part.

**THE BELLS**

No exact date can be found as to when bells were first hung in the tower. The earliest record is in churchwardens' accounts of 1625. A ring of five is known to have existed and in 1742 it is recorded that a tenor bell was cast to make a ring of six. The treble was recast at the same time. Known details of this ring are:—Treble, 8 cwt. 25 lb. (recast 1742); tenor, 22 cwt. 26 lb., in F (cast 1742 by Thomas Lister); 5th, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. (recast 1754).

One peal is recorded on these bells. Grandsire Doubles, 1777, and the board lists two men as ringing the tenor—which was unusual for a bell of this weight. The year 1785 saw the recasting of the six and the addition of two trebles. The treble was recast in 1803 and when, in 1889, the 7th became cracked, this was recast and the others rehung.

**INSCRIPTIONS**

Inscriptions on the bells at this time were:—Treble, Thomas Janaway of London Fecit 1803, 6 cwt., note E. 2nd: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 6½ cwt., D sharp. 3rd: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 7 cwt., C sharp. 4th: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 8 cwt., B. 5th: "When from the earth our notes rebound, the hills and valeys echo round"; Thomas Janaway, 1785, 10 cwt., A. 6th: Thomas Janaway of Chelsea made us all, 1785; "Musica Est Mentis Medicina," 11 cwt., G sharp. 7th: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 13½ cwt., F sharp. Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1889. Tenor: "Rev. Dr. Thomas Balguy, Vicar. James Dicker, Richard Palmer Baker, John Phillips, Churchwardens." Thomas Janaway Fecit 1785, 20 cwt., E. (Estimated weight by Gillett and Johnston in 1925 22 cwt.). Twelve peals are recorded as being rung on these bells.

The tenor was found to be seriously cracked in 1925. The bells were removed to Gillett and Johnston's foundry and the other bells were found to be chipped and out of tune. It was decided to recast all the bells and hang them in a modern steel frame on ball bearings. This work was completed for Easter Sunday, 1926.

To date 12 peals have been rung on this ring—a total of 32 in all. Of the present-day ring, the treble is 4 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb., and the tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

There is not a finer sound to be heard on a frosty winter's night or a sunny evening in summer as one stands on the hills around Alton listening to the church bells. They bring a sense of peace and tranquillity, of which there is all too little in the world today.

C. W. HAWKINS.

For what are men better than sheep or goats  
That nourish a blind life within the brain,  
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer  
Both for themselves and those who call  
them friend?  
TENNYSON.

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**BIRDS AND BELLS**

On Sunday, May 24, after ringing on the magnificent eight at Skipton I decided to drive over to nearby Bolton Abbey—an idea which seemed also to have occurred to half the population of the north of England! Despite the crowds I was not disappointed by the bird life for which this beautiful spot is well known.

Immediately upon entering the grounds I could make out the song of a pied flycatcher against the background rush and babble of the River Wharfe. A few minutes' scrutiny of the trees on the opposite bank discovered the splendid black and white cock bird as he sang to advertise his territory. Soon he became silent and dropped down among the lower branches; watching with binoculars I was able to follow the bird to the nest-hole. I was also delighted to find a family of dippers down on the rocks in the Wharfe, the young birds splashing inexpertly in the water and demanding loudly to be fed. Common sandpipers and grey wagtails completed the picture nicely.

In the afternoon we rang a peal on the ten at Pontefract, and Iris Lemare informed me that there was a bird reserve, Fairburn Ings, only a few miles away, where the very scarce little ringed plover bred. We visited the reserve together and I was able to watch the species displaying for the first time, which I must admit meant more to me than a dozen peals!

Miss Lemare is only the second bird-watching bellringer that I have met, yet these are two activities which fit together extremely well. I have written this brief note of my non-ringing activities at Ikley in the hope of interesting other like-minded people. A venture I have often wished to embark on is an ornithological peal-week, using a bird observatory as a base. My interest in this project having now been revived, I would ask anyone who might be able to come to Dungeness B.O. with me for a week at Easter next year to write and let me know.

PETER J. WYCHERLEY.

Blackthorn,  
Kingstone,  
Hereford.



Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

## Report of the Proceedings of the 73rd Annual Meeting

### SECTION I.

A summary of the meeting held at Ilkley, Yorkshire, of the second session of 27th Council was given in our last issue, and the more detailed report will be printed during the next few weeks. It is not intended to give full discussions, except where considered of more general importance. The elected members should report back to the Guilds and Associations they represent, but reference to *The Ringing World* of April 24 may be necessary in some cases to follow the topics discussed, particularly the interim report of the Standing Committee.

Following the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, reported elsewhere, the business was opened with prayer led by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

Apologies were read out from F. E. Haynes, G. W. Fletcher, T. P. Edwards, R. G. Wilson, J. W. Cotton, Rev. R. Keeley, N. Golden, F. A. White, M. J. Fellows, N. Mallett, W. A. Osborn, J. F. Smallwood, H. J. Sanger, G. I. Lewis, E. F. Willcox, W. L. Weller, A. J. Brazier, J. E. G. Roast, D. F. Murfet, B. Jones and J. P. Fidler.

The hon. secretary's report, which had been circulated, gave the total membership as 204, with one vacancy, and three honorary vacancies. All subscriptions had been paid with one exception.

New members were welcomed by the president and each stood as his name was called: H. C. Lonyon (Chester Guild), P. Reynolds (Lincoln Guild), J. Prytherch (St. David's Guild), R. W. Pipe (St. Martin's Guild).

The election of honorary members followed and these were: Mr. G. R. Drew and Mrs. Shirley Drew, who deal with the C.C. publications (proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley); Mr. George Pipe (D. Beresford and E. Shepherd); C. W. Denyer, Editor *The Ringing World* (W. H. Viggers and D. A. R. May) and F. A. White (a retiring member re-elected). Mrs. R. F. B. Speed did not seek re-election as an honorary member.

Six names were read out in the obituary list, viz.: W. C. West (Salisbury Guild), G. L. Grover (Guildford Guild), H. O. Baker (Chester Guild), T. E. Sone (Kent County), T. H. Francis (Cumberland Youths), W. Shepherd (Winchester and Portsmouth and Guildford Guild), and Canon Thurlow said a prayer for the departed.

The minutes were approved with the alteration of one word, and there were no matters arising, following which the report of the hon. secretary was accepted without comment.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the librarian, presented his report and made a strong appeal for books which had been on loan, in some cases for several years, to be returned. Mrs. Olive Barnett suggested that a list of names of "long-term" borrowers be published in *The Ringing World*, but Mr. R. S. Anderson advised caution in such matters.

### ACCOUNTS ACCEPTED

Mr. Bottomley next produced the accounts for 1969 and moved their adoption. Mr. Garner-Hayward seconded, and some discussion followed about possible reinvestment of moneys in the Clement Glenn Fund to the Central Board of Finance. Others taking part in this debate were Messrs. Bayles, Beresford, W. Wilson, Seager, J. Mayne and T. W. White, the last named giving details of comparative Ringing World costs when published by Rolls Publishing Company and today's costs.

The hon. secretary and treasurer took



Taken by *The Ringing World* at the formal welcome given to the Central Council: l. to r. the vicar of Ilkley (Rev. R. Cleland), the chairman of Ilkley U.D.C. (Cdr. R. P. Bushell), the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman), the president of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) and the ladies, Mrs. Bushell and Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley.

note of various suggestions made for future possible administration and investment.

The accounts were adopted.

Mr. Douglas Hughes answered several questions on the use and the replacement of parts when necessary of the Carter ringing machine, and the report presented was agreed, a suggestion being made that it would be wise to consider reducing the number of demonstrations and so prevent undue wear and tear.

### INTERIM REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Although this report had occupied a couple of hours at the informal meeting on the Sunday evening, at Tuesday's gathering the Council spent a further three hours debating the report, item by item. This, however, could not be considered a waste of time. Several members found that, from the earlier discussions, they had been able to consider some items from a different standpoint and had changed their minds. Naturally this brought out a lot more for the meeting to hear, and in several cases the whole section was referred back to the sub-committee for further consideration and to report again next year.

At the outset the president proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by the vice-president (Mr. E. A. Barnett), but it was later agreed to alter the word "adopt" to "receive," this being on the motion of Canon Felstead, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Mr. Ayre, supported by Mr. Shepherd, asked that more emphasis be put on the role of ringers as church workers and said their first job in this connection was ringing for church services. The sub-committee responsible for "Aims, Objects and Procedure," for which Mr. R. F. B. Speed was spokesman, were asked to note this suggestion.

Many members took part in the discussion of this section, among them being Messrs. Beresford, Dodds, Lufkin, Rev. J. Scott, H. Rogers, Chaddock, Wilson, Sharpe, Cook and Croft. Points noted for the sub-committee were: Section 2 (6) the words "provision and maintenance" in place of "financial assistance," and the Biographies Committee, although not mentioned, would remain an official committee of the Council. Items 3 (4), 3 (9) and 3 (11) were all suggested for possible amendment, and the Overseas Committee, which does very important work, should be encouraged to report its activities regularly. This was also suggested for the Education Committee 3 (7).

The increased amount of work and the larger number of inquiries made to the Towers and Belfries Committee were commented upon and an assurance given that this body was in operation the whole year. That the peals analysis was well worth while was the general opinion, and in winding up this section Mr. Speed said all the points made would be considered.

Under Sections 4 and 5, members taking part were Messrs. Roper, Beresford, Mrs. Staniforth, Carlyle, Dodd, D. May, V. Bottomley, Crossthwaite, Lufkin, Mayne, Seager, Butler, Canon Thurlow, Rev. Scott, Cook, Speed and G. Pipe. Further consideration is to be given on suggestions made and these included the possibility of a national scheme to give financial assistance to churches (with bells) that require it; a national appeal for *The Ringing World*; more encouragement for associations to start and to augment restoration; the investment of money raised for restoration funds; training recruits for towers with no ringers; the purchase of bells from churches being demolished, particularly where such bells have historic value or connections; the movement of bells from redundant churches to churches on newly-populated estates and new towns; the possible approach by the Central Council to building societies for loans when restoration work is necessary and funds low.

At the end of this section the meeting agreed that the sub-committee were proceeding on the right lines.

(To be continued.)

The illuminated shell-like ornamentation at the back of the stage where the formal welcome was given brought forth the comment from Mr. Freeman: "When Mr. Vernon Bottomley rose to speak just now, with this decoration behind him, he looked just like Venus rising from the sea!"



## 23 YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED

As briefly reported last week, the presentation of a piece of Doulton china, a silver dish and a cheque for £600 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom White was made at the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, convener of The Ringing World Committee, said it was the wish of ringers everywhere and of all present that day to give recognition of the 23 years' loyal service to the ringing Exercise by Tom White as Editor of *The Ringing World*. He then requested the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman) to make the presentation.

Thanking Mr. Wilson for according him the honour of making the presentation, Mr. Freeman handed the china figure to Mrs. White and said it was not only in appreciation of her help to Tom, but with the respect and affection which was felt by all towards Mrs. White. Amidst applause, Mrs. White held aloft the figure for all to see and admire.

"To you, Tom, on behalf of the Exercise as a whole," said Mr. Freeman, "I present you with this silver toast warmer inscribed 'Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, presented by the president on behalf of the Exercise to Thomas W. White in appreciation of his services as Editor of *The Ringing World* 1946—1969' and inside is a cheque for £600."

### OVERWHELMED

When Mr. White rose to reply, he was obviously very moved by the enthusiasm of those present and the munificence of the gift. He said he was so overwhelmed that he had forgotten what he intended to say, but thanked one and all for their kindness. Mr. White then recovered his composure and went on:—

Recently in church we were singing the hymn, 'Thy way, not mine, O Lord,' in which a line runs: 'Choose Thou for me my friends,' and I thought how truly blessed I had been in the friends that had been chosen for me. They are not a few; they number hundreds and are to be found all over the world. And this introduction came about so unexpectedly. I had been asked by my predecessor, Mr. Jim Trollope, to accompany him to Norwich to report the annual meeting, and on the way from the station he pointed out a young couple, remarking: 'The handsomest couple in the Exercise.' This couple were destined to play no little part in guiding my footsteps. I refer to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

"That was probably the saddest Council meeting I ever attended. There was the resignation and collapse of Mr. Trollope, and during the luncheon interval Mr. G. W. Fletcher asked me to produce the next issue or two while the officers looked round for a successor and I agreed. Later there was a meeting with the officers of the Council, Mr. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. A. A. Hughes, and I was in the editorial chair.

"It was a case of starting from scratch. I had an exacting job and could only devote a limited amount of time to the job—mainly Saturdays and Sundays. There was nothing in the office—no papers, not even the previous week's issue. Mrs. Fletcher was a great standby in providing copy; she wrote round to all guilds and associations, and this was a great reserve. The late Ernest Morris provided me with a pile of manuscripts, and gradually a splendid band of writers came to my aid. Some of those early contributors are still in harness. I met the committee over a cup of tea before a Standing Committee meeting which I attended to answer questions.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom White with the gifts presented to them at the Central Council meeting. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson (chairman of The Ringing World Committee) is also in the picture. Unfortunately Mr. White was taken ill during the meeting at Ilkley and the photo had to be delayed. This one was taken at his home at Guildford.

[Ringing World photo.]

### FIRST PHASE ENDS

"The first phase of my editorship ended at Chester in 1951. A new committee was elected with Mr. Smallwood as convener, and the late Harold Poole, whose daughter is a member of the present committee. She kindly acted as treasurer to my testimonial fund. Other members were Mr. F. I. Hairs and the late Joe Dyke and they set about a big campaign for 1,000 postal subscribers—and I had my salary cut!!

"Mr. Smallwood was responsible for the series of articles entitled 'Servants of the Exercise' and Mr. Wilson, who joined the committee a year or two later, contributed technical articles which were the forerunner of his classic work 'Change Ringing.' Mr. Smallwood was determined to build up a reserve of £10,000, and he nearly succeeded. Life membership, conferred upon him at Truro, was richly deserved, and he was succeeded by Mr. Bob Anderson.

### THE THIRD PHASE

"This led up to the third phase, which started at Northampton—a year during which the committee met fairly regularly. Monthly reports were submitted and questions answered by correspondence. At that meeting there were grumblings concerning *The Ringing World*. Some time back the

question of tinted covers was explored, but it was resolved that the extra cost involved would result in a loss in production.

"The rumblings developed into a crescendo at Bath and Messrs. George Pipe and Dennis Beresford outlined a scheme for a 'new look' for *The Ringing World*. Evidence of a divided committee was presented at Worcester, but before then coloured covers had become a regular feature. I bid my farewell to a very happy committee. Our meetings have been regular and very thorough.

"In late years our problems have been largely of production, and they are still with us. But despite these, we have a friendly and considerate readership, many of whom are real friends of the Editor. My great desire is that I should be known to the ringing fraternity of the future as the man who introduced Charles Denyer as his successor. May he fulfil that wish and I trust he will have good health to carry it out."

### From St. Martin, Herne, Kent:

Here lies a piece of Christ, a star in dust.  
A vein of gold, a China dish which must  
Be us'd in Heav'n, when God shall feed  
the just.



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## GRAMOPHONE RECORD OF GOOD STRIKING

The test pressing for this record has been approved and the record will soon be advertised in this journal. Those who secure a copy will obtain much pleasure from the variety of examples on four lovely rings of bells—Howden Minster, Norton-juxta-Malton and Nunburnholme, Yorkshire, and Washington Cathedral, U.S.A. The record will be very useful to instructors and lecturers.

The standard of ringing is good but not perfect, and one useful exercise for the listener will be to practise noting down the faults in each example.

In the main, plain courses in very simple methods were chosen so that the recordings would be understandable and valuable to most ringers—even to many non-ringers. It was found much more difficult to produce well-struck plain courses "to order" than longer lengths.

A list of the examples follows. The call changes on six include Queen's, Tittum's and Whittington's. Those on eight include —6578's, —7568's, Queen's and Whittington's.

All the examples were specially recorded in 1969 for this record except the excerpt from the peal at Washington in 1964.

The record will be distributed by the undersigned for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and those who would like to purchase one should watch for further details in the advertisement columns of *The Ringing World*. The number of records pressed will be limited.

List of examples: Six bells being raised in peal (Nunburnholme). Grandsire Doubles without a cover (Norton). Grandsire Doubles with a cover (Norton). Stedman Doubles with a cover (Norton). Call changes on six (Norton). Plain Bob Minor on six (Norton). Lowering six bells in peal (Nunburnholme). Call changes on eight (Howden). Grandsire Triples (Howden). Grandsire Triples (Norton). Bob Major (Howden). Stedman Triples on the ten bells of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Market Weighton, Yorks.

## STRIKING COMPETITION

The Reading Branch tower of Goring was the venue for the guild striking competition and seven teams gathered on the fine Saturday afternoon of May 2. The ringing was closely contested and shortly after 5 p.m. ringing ended and everyone adjourned to the parish hall for tea.

Canon C. E. Wigg (master) thanked the Reading Branch for its hospitality, the incumbents of Goring and Streatley for the use of their bells, and the ladies who had prepared the tea. He made particular reference to Bloxham (Banbury Branch), who entered at short notice so that the branch might be represented. He then introduced Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. William Viggers, of Aldershot, the judges.

Mr. Viggers commented upon the high standard of ringing and of the difficulty experienced in deciding the winners. Major Bragg gave the results, which ended in a win for East Berks and South Bucks Branch (Hughenden tower), Newbury Branch (Thatcham) second, and Sonning Denery Branch (Hurst) third.

The master congratulated the winners and presented the cup to the Hughenden band. Major Bragg said how much he and his colleague had enjoyed the competition.

B. J. G.

## Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

### DEPUTY MAYOR'S WELCOME

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Bridport on May 9, when 140 ringers and friends filled the Church of St. Mary for the festival service conducted by the vicar (Canon J. P. Hinton), the address being given by the Archdeacon of Sherborne. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung and the choir sang a Whitsuntide anthem. The collection for the Edwards Memorial Fund amounted to £10 6s. 6d.

After tea, served in the church hall, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H. Smith, welcomed the guild to Bridport, outlining the town's amenities and business interests. He said many ringers would already have heard of Bridport because of the bell ropes made there. At one time, perhaps, the town was more famous for the "Bridport Dagger," the hangman's rope.

The meeting was presided over by the master, Rev. R. N. Longridge, supported by the general secretary and assistant general secretary. The master read the names of members lost by death during the year and a moment's silence was observed.

The secretary reported the number of peals rung was the highest in the history of the guild, the Wimborne Branch claiming most credit. Presenting the accounts, the Edwards Memorial Fund stood at £248 and the general account showed a slight reduction to £299.

The master said: "This is the second time I have had to announce the death of a president of our guild. Firstly Canon C. Carew Cox and now Mr. William C. West, both in their own way filling the office with dignity and distinction. Though only three years president, they were for Mr. West a time of pride and satisfaction in presiding over a guild of which he had been a member for 55 years and general secretary for 16.

The master congratulated the leading peal ringer, Miss Mary Elmes (Wareham), a member of the Wimborne Branch, and asked that goodwill messages be sent to Mr. L. Wilson and to Mr. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis), now in his 95th year, and who still manages an occasional pull.

For the election of officers, Rev. R. M. Longridge was by vote elected president, Rev. R. Keeley was elected master, Mr. F. Slatford general secretary, Mr. H. Knee assistant general secretary, Mr. C. F. Andrew peal secretary, Mr. R. Duke was added to the Guild Committee and Mr. F. Collins to the list of belfry inspectors.

It was decided to accept the suggested increase in subscription from 1971, i.e. members up to 17 years 15 new pence, other ringing members 25 new pence, with an optional subscription of 15 new pence for members over 65; life ringing members' subscription to be 30 new pence. The peal fee is to be increased to five new pence and given to the Edwards Memorial Fund. A grant of £50 from this fund was voted to Bishop Cannings. It being the wish of the guild to increase the capital of the Edwards Memorial Fund, Mr. E. Elmes suggested that one or two rules be made to govern the amount of grants given. A report is to be given to the next committee meeting.

## RULE

He that rings and breaks a stay

Will have half-a-crown to pay;

And if he rings in spurs or hat

Shall pay a quart of ale for that.

(A stone tablet in belfry of St. Michael's, Bugbrooke, Northants.)

## ST. ANDREW'S AND DUNDEE U.G.

The quarter peal rung on May 17 at Dundee Cathedral was a milestone in the guild's progress. Formed in 1965, it was strong for a while but soon membership had dwindled and practices ceased. But now, under the leadership of Simon Burnett, the guild is building up well.

With the help of ringers coming up, beginners were taught and at first call changes were possible, but gradually change ringing on six was reinstated. In 1968 the guild had a welcome visitor from Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A.—Jeff Nicoll, over in St. Andrew's for a year.

This session has been the guild's best ever and eight bells have been rung in changes on practice nights, and under Mr. A. F. Sturrock (the last of the original Cathedral band) a new local band has been taught. This band has become more experienced, and after the first attempt was lost in the sixth extent a good quarter was rung on Whit Sunday. This, the first for the guild, included three "firsts."

The guild is fortunate in having two of the 12 Scottish rings so close. The Cathedral bells are fairly heavy, but St. Mary's have recently been rehung and run easily. Unfortunately two ringers, Simon Burnett (master) and Graham Drew (deputy master and secretary) are leaving this year, but they leave behind a good band and progress is assured.

Due to pressure of degree exams practices have now ceased but will resume next term and will be held alternately at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 7.15 p.m. All visitors will be made very welcome.

Officers recently elected are: Ringing master, Miss M. R. Hewson; secretary, G. A. Garner, St. Salvator's Hall, St. Andrew's, Fife; treasurer, D. N. Andrews.

## Bedfordshire Association.

### A PUB TO AVOID

Saturday, May 8, was a grey and foreboding morning when the Biggleswade District coach left for Suffolk. Horringer, our first call, was reached on time and some good ringing was enjoyed by all. Refreshed with coffee and with the reserve driver at the wheel of the coach, we arrived at Woolpit. Thirty or more were packed in the ringing room, and the bells were under way when a breathless churchwarden arrived to put an early stop to our efforts. A last-minute consultation with the architect on Friday had pronounced the tower unsafe! Our spirits undaunted, and the sun now shining, we left for Stowmarket. While carpets were purchased for St. Paul's, Bedford, other lunching in the busy market town before ringing on the eight at the parish church. Stonham Aspall, with its wooden-topped tower, was the first 10-bell tower for some of the party and rounds were rung by many. Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were achieved, while others wandered along the footpaths of this peaceful village. After tea at Debenham we walked to the church for a well-struck course of London. The last tower of the day, Cotton, with its unique ringing room completely exposed to the elements on one side, finished the day's ringing. Unfortunately the local hostelry, the Trowel and Hammer, did not welcome coach parties however well behaved, and we were asked to leave before completely quenching our thirsts. Our thanks go to Philip Rogers, the organiser, the coach drivers and the incumbents (but not to the publican) for a very enjoyable day.

S. H. A.



## Letters

### WHY RING?

Dear Sir,—The letter from your correspondent, Mr. Dennis Millward, made me see red! He relates how he turned away a potential good ringer simply because he was not a confirmed member of the Church and then asks if it was wrong to let him go. It certainly was!

I have been a member of the Church all my life and a ringer for nearly as long, and will never renounce either, but I am strongly opposed to the self-righteous "class apart" attitude of so many churchpeople who refuse to accept "outsiders" into their midst.

It is high time that everyone realised that ringing is a thoroughly worthy and highly developed art in its own right, and should be allowed to flourish as such, without subordination to one particular religious denomination.

Church authorities seem to act on the assumption that only their own people can appreciate the sound of the bells, and that they alone should be allowed to ring them. Whenever an appeal is made for funds to provide an augmentation or a rehang, does the Church refuse donations from interested outsiders?

Any sincere non-churchman who becomes a keen, reliable ringer is brought into close contact with the life and work of the Church, and if that life is strong, positive and friendly, as it should be, he will be favourable impressed. I have known a number of instances where Nonconformists and others have become regular church members solely as a result of their keen interest in ringing.

In these days of declining church attendance and sadly-neglected towers, it is deplorable to turn away anyone who, by his own will, is anxious to become a ringer. I say to Mr. Millward, and others in the same situation, provided would-be ringers are not openly antagonistic to the Church, welcome them to the tower and teach them to ring first; you have a much better chance of making a good churchman out of a keen ringer than you have of making a good ringer out of a dutiful churchman.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. DURANCE.

Rothley, Leics.

### WHY WE RING

Dear Sir,—I would not wish to prolong this correspondence, yet I would ask for your indulgence and allow me space to reply to Mr. John L. Findon's letter.

Firstly, it is our practice when a parishioner indicates that he or she wishes to learn to ring, to ask them to come and sit in during two or three service ringing periods, and then give a brief explanation of what will be required of them. If still willing, we give special training sessions with silent bells. However, when faced with a visitor, as I was, a quick decision was necessary, and I did what I felt was right.

Secondly, this man was adamant. "He wasn't going to be confirmed just to become a ringer." To be confirmed for no other reason than to become a ringer would lower this Holy Sacrament to mundane level and as such I agree with this view.

Thirdly, any ringer who resides in or near Buckley would be most welcome in our tower at any normal ringing times, and if of peal or conductor standard would certainly be invited to take part in our limited peal activities.

Fourthly, in Mr. Findon's last paragraph I would say he has put the cart before the

### HOLSWORTHY BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I have the opportunity to answer Noel F. Moxon's query on Holsworthy bells? (Ringing World, page 410.)

The piece of music entitled "Holsworthy Church Bells" refers to Holsworthy in South Devon.

It is generally accepted that the composer had these particular bells in mind and was inspired to write this well-known piece. If you could see a copy of the music you might find it suitably inscribed.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. BEE.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query from Noel F. Moxon re Holsworthy Church, I am an organist and have a copy of the piece of music concerned, which states: "An Air composed for Holsworthy Church Bells" and varied for the organ. A few years ago I visited Holsworthy Church in Devon and found there an electric chiming barrel in the church (in a glass case) listing the various tunes which could be played and this piece of music was one of those mentioned.

I imagine this clears up the query. The bells can, of course, also be rung.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of The Ringing World of May 29 Noel F. Moxon wanted to know the origin of the piece of music written by Wesley—"Holsworthy Church Bells."

When Mr. Wesley was organist at Exeter Cathedral he spent a holiday here at Holsworthy with Dr. Linington Ash. Local history says that while resting in the garden of this friend the parish church bells were rung, and he composed the tune while listening to them.

We have a carillon here which plays 12 tunes, and the "Holsworthy Church Bells" is the most popular. I am the towerkeeper and get many requests to hear it, as we understand it is the only carillon that plays it.

We have a lovely ring of bells and always welcome visitors. If anyone would like to hear the "Holsworthy Church Bells" on the carillon they can contact me and I shall always be pleased to help.—Yours faithfully,

Holsworthy, Devon. CHARLIE LYLE.

horse. Church authorities do not place expensive equipment for people to use solely for pleasure but for ringers to feel they have a duty to perform twice every Sunday.

No, firstly we must ring to the Glory of God and in His service, then for the pleasure and satisfaction we derive from ringing.

The question arises: Should church authorities provide and maintain bells, and instructors give their time to train people who only want to ring for pleasure? I say "Come back to God and His Church and then we will teach you to ring."

Finally, I do not think that we at St. Matthew's are very much different from ringers at other towers. Our ringers have always taken an active interest in the life of the church, several have held office, and one ringer is now vicar of a nearby parish. To hold any office in the Church one must be a confirmed member. We cannot have a lower standard just to become a member of our company.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD,  
Tower Captain.

Buckley, Flintshire.

### 5040 MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read a letter from Mr. G. E. Symonds suggesting that 5040's of Maximus had only been rung in Ipswich. Surely Mr. Symonds cannot have missed the large number of 5040's of Londonium and similar methods rung in London, Birmingham, etc.

If he was referring to Cambridge-type methods specifically, I am afraid that he is still wrong, as 5040's have been rung in Birmingham and Cheshire and probably elsewhere. Admittedly they are now quite rare, because of the ease of obtaining 5042's, but even so a 5040 of Cambridge was rung only last year at St. Mary-le-Bow, London, conducted by B. D. Threlfall.—Yours faithfully,

Hamble, Hants.

R. DENNIS.

### CARTWHEELING

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Rochester District striking competition which Mr. Moxon mentions, the judges explained that whereas a closed handstroke lead was quite acceptable in, say, Yorkshire, in Kent it could only be regarded as incorrect. Surely the Cuxton band, who must have realised that cartwheeling is not traditionally regarded as "good" ringing in the Rochester District, should have checked with the judges before ringing as to whether it would be acceptable, not afterwards, which seems a little provocative.

Are we to ban the ringing of certain methods as "unmusical"? If so, who judges? Why waste time over the "correct," "traditional" or "better" method of leading? Some will always prefer one and some the other.—Yours faithfully,

Loughborough, RICHARD W. BRICE.

### KENT AND OXFORD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Findon's letter about Kent and Oxford T.B. in your issue of May 15 set me puzzling and as none of the experts has given the solution here is my interpretation. The band should be instructed to ring Kent except immediately after a call of Oxford has been made. These calls are made when the treble is in 3-4 down before a lead-end marked X or / and Oxford ceases to be rung after the treble leaves the front. In addition, where the lead-end is marked / a bob is called. Note that it is essential to distinguish italic / from Roman I, as the latter symbol denotes one ordinary Kent bob.

Below are the lead-ends and full details of the changes of method for the touches Mr. Findon wished clarified. The changes of method are interlined to show they happen before the lead-end. Changes to Kent would not be called.

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Yours faithfully,  
M. PETERSON.  
Glasgow.



# Quarter Peals

## ALTON, HANTS, 1970 FESTIVAL

Alton, Hants. — March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Piggott 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, Miss C. Law (25th quarter) 3, G. Noakes 4, E. Hedger 5, A. Kersey 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, R. Reed 8. For Easter, and a welcome to the Bishop of Southampton, who preached. Also April 12, 1260 P.B. Triples: Miss D. A. Wood 1, P. J. Rowe 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 7, M. Blencowe 8. (By St. Andrew, Farnham, ringers.) Also May 9, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, Violet Castle (cond.) 2, Eva Eele 3, R. Rens 4, C. Eele 5, C. Mortimer 6, B. Castle 7, F. Hicks 8. (By St. Nicholas, Hurst, ringers.)

Farnham, Surrey. — April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyre 1, Miss C. Law 2, R. Reed 3, G. Noakes 4, R. Corke 5, A. Kersey (25th quarter) 6, R. Finch (cond.) 7, D. Fox (Aldershot) 8. (By St. Lawrence, Alton, band.) To welcome Ian Andrew Chennell-White, born April 2.

Ash, Surrey. — May 9, 1440 P.B. Minor: S. Eyre 1, R. Stone 2, R. Finch 3, R. Reed 4, A. Kersey 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6.

## QUARTER PEAL DAY Saturday, May 9

Ludlow, Salop. — 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. B. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Stevens 2, Miss P. C. Stocken 3, Mrs. J. M. Beech 4, E. F. Willcox 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, R. H. Newton 8.

Knighton, Rads. — 1264 P.B. Major: E. F. Willcox 1, R. H. Newton 2, R. C. Stevens 3, F. Beech 4, Miss P. C. Stocken 5, Mrs. E. Stevens 6, Mrs. J. M. Beech 7, Miss G. B. Smith (cond.) 8.

Eardisland, Herefords. — 1440 P.B. Major: R. H. Newton 1, Miss G. B. Smith 2, Miss P. C. Stocken 3, Mrs. J. M. Beech 4, E. F. Willcox 5, Mrs. E. Stevens (first as cond.) 6, F. Beech 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

Algarkirk, Lincs. — May 7, 1260 Spliced Minor (three methods): D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H. Barsley 3, M. J. Belcher 4, R. Stephenson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to H. Barsley.

Arundel, Sussex. — May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Cora Gillies 1, Sally Staines (first inside) 2, Betty Haselgrove 3, Jean Daughtry 4, Anne Daughtry (cond.) 5, R. Fenton 6. First in method 1, 6. For Rogation Sunday. Also May 17, 1264 P.B. Major: Susan Wills 1, Ruth Halford 2, Jean Daughtry 3, Betty Haselgrove 4, Anne Daughtry 5, Christopher Renyard 6, P. Wills 7, P. Stevens (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. For Whitsunday.

Asfordby, Leics. — May 16, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. H. Cook 1, Karen French (first inside) 2, R. E. Manton 3, W. Clump 4, H. Clayton 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Barry R. Vann and Janet E. Looker.

Babbacombe, Devon. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Catherine Chambers 3, J. L. Read 4, A. Garbett 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. For Evensong.

Barkingside, Essex. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Morton (first away from cover) 1, D. Ellisdon 2, Susan Turcan 3, Angela Jackson 4, Jillian Turcan 5, T. Natt 6, D. Gower (first as cond.) 7, Mary Wilkinson 8. For Whitsun.

Barton St. David, Som. — May 8, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Teresa J. Kingcott 1, T. Chapman 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, Ruth R. Ball 4, W. H. Kingcott 5, W. A. V. Prescott (cond.) 6.

## BARSTABLE SCHOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Basildon, Essex. — March 23, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. I. Lucas 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, S. Clarke 5-6. Also 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Cammiada (cond.) 1-2, G. Mason (first inside) 3-4, K. T. Bradley 5-6. Also April 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Cammiada 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, S. Clarke 5-6. Also 1260 P.B. Doubles: G. Mason 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor Clemo (first quarter) 5-6.

Bath, Som. — May 25, St. Michael with Paul, 1260 P.B. Minor: Miss B. A. Bruford 1, Miss P. D. Freeland 2, C. J. Barrable 3, B. Sarll 4, P. J. Devrell 5, C. G. Jones (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Goulay and Mr. K. Weeks, married at Bathampton.

Bathampton, Som. — May 23, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. McDaniel 1, Miss B. A. Bruford 2, Miss P. D. Freeland 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, C. G. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Goulay (tower captain) and Mr. K. Weeks (Bathford).

Beaminster, Dorset. — May 23, 1280 Camb. S. Major: I. Calvert 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Mrs. A. S. Bishop 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. S. Bishop 6, M. J. Hiller 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8.

Benhall, Suffolk. — May 13, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J. Peters (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, Dana Josephson 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. A 20th birthday compliment to Stephen Peters. Also May 16, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. Peck 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. A wedding compliment to Ruth (nee Woodman) and Robert Last, married at Aldringham.

Bradpole, Dorset. — May 5, 1260 P.B. Triples: Valerie Calvert (first Triples) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, Helen A. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, D. B. Ellery 5, R. Haines 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8. First in method for all except 6. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: I. L. Andrews 1, R. Haines 2, D. B. Ellery 3, Helen A. Haines 4, I. Calvert 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6. Rung for Whitsunday Evensong.

Brafield-on-the-Green, Northants. — May 18, 1440 P.B. Minor: R. Henman 1, Anne Henman 2, R. G. Care 3, P. Jones 4, I. G. Morgan 5, D. J. Morgan (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Roland Jones, former ringer at Brafield.

Bredbury, Cheshire. — May 24, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, B. F. Trueman (first Minor inside) 2, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 3, P. Boucher 4, A. Hibbert 5, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 6. For Trinity Sunday.

Brenchley, Kent. — May 16, 1260 P.B. Triples: N. Butcher 1, Maureen Kirkcaldy 2, D. Kirkcaldy 3, P. R. Everest 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, R. Sherlock 6, R. Everest (cond.) 7, P. A. Everest 8. For "The Festival of Brenchley, 1170-1970."

Brinklow, Warks. — May 16, 1440 Rev. Cant. Minor: Patsy Howes 1, Betsy A. Mountford 2, Philippa Garrard 3, D. W. Mountford 4, B. Elliott 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor. A compliment to Olga Howes (mother of treble) on her licensing as a lay preacher at Berkswell.

Bungay, Suffolk. — May 10, 1260 Bob Triples: Helen Scarfe (first on eight) 1, T. G. Boast 2, C. Pease 3, T. Simmons 4, A. H. Roberts 5, F. Sutton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, E. Pearce (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

Burbage, Derbys. — May 16, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Schofield 1, B. F. Trueman (first inside) 2, M. Foulds (cond.) 3, R. F. Andrew 4, P. Broadbent 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

Burmarsh, Kent. — May 21, 1260 Doubles (two methods): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, W. Beeching 6. A farewell to Rev. J. Murrell.

Burnage, Manchester. — May 25, Santaidd, Burnage Lane, 1260 P.B. Minor: Elizabeth A. Hibbert (first in hand) 1-2, A. E. Whiting 3-4, M. Foulds (first in hand as cond.) 5-6.

Caerleon, Mon. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Owen 1, F. C. Greedy 2, R. E. G. Wilkinson 3, P. R. Mason 4, M. Esbester (cond.) 5, Jane Williams 6. For Whitsunday Evensong.

Canterbury, Kent. — May 23, at St. Alphege's, 1272 P.B. Minimus: A. R. J. Woolmer (first in method) 1, M. A. Elliott 2, P. King (first inside) 3, L. S. F. Hewson (first as cond.) 4. First of Minimus for all.

Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. — April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. J. Kelly 3, B. C. Collins (cond.) 4, P. Wotton 5, H. Ball 6. 60th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. G. Swift.

Chapel Allerton, W. Yorks. — May 16, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Anne M. Robinson 1, Alison Child 2, R. Roberts 3, A. J. Crawford 4, J. Robinson (cond.) 5, W. A. Kimball 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

Chesterfield, Derbys. — April 15, 1296 Little B. Royal: R. Roper 1, P. Rose 2, B. A. Richards 3, F. Cooke 4, H. T. Rooke 5, J. D. Arkwell 6, A. Queen 7, D. N. Peers 8, D. Hird 9, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 10. First Royal 1, 7, 8. First Royal in method 2, 6, 9, 10. A wedding compliment to the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Ven. T. Ingram-Cleasby, Rev. G. Sideaway (curate) and Andrea Gordon (local ringer), all of whom married on April 4.

Chiddingstone, Kent. — March 29, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. A. Everest 1, Judith Corby 2, R. Hayes 3, M. Thompson 4, R. Everest 5, R. Sherlock (cond.) 6, P. R. Everest cover. For Easter.

Chinnor, Oxon. — May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: G. Judge 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harnsworth 3, P. Wilkinson 4, Mrs. R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. For parents' and children's service.

Colerne, Wilts. — May 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clipston (first quarter) 1, G. Weeks 2, T. Gray 3, G. Sheppard 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5, R. Clements 6. 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Weeks, captain for over 50 years.

Crantock, Cornwall. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Pryor 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Docking 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, W. S. Pryor 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Truro on the Feast of St. Crantock.

Deddington, Oxon. — April 23, 1280 Plain Bob Major: O. J. Hemmings 1, W. Cowley 2, Miss B. Iving 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. Minnear 5, W. Iivings 6, Canon E. Wigg 7, A. W. Iivings (cond.) 8.

Dewsbury, Yorks. — May 17, 1312 Yorksnira S. Major: Esther Sharp (first T.B.) 1, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 2, Avis M. Thompson 3, Ruth Richardson 4, J. M. Ineson 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. For Confirmation.

Dickleburgh, Norfolk. — April 19, 1260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain): Helen Scarfe (first on six) 1, T. G. Boast 2, F. C. Roper 3, C. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Drayton Parslow, Bucks. — May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: June Sinfield 1, Marion Addy 2, Margaret Aslett 3, Hilary Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, P. Aslett 6. For Festival Evensong.

Dundee, Angus. — May 17, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Hesketh (first quarter) 1, M. Ruth Hewson (first inside) 2, G. A. Garner (first quarter) 3, G. E. Drew 4, S. P. D. Burnett (cond.) 5, D. N. Andrews 6. For Whitsunday. First for University Guild.

East Ilsley, Berks. — May 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jane Wells (first in method, aged 12) 1, Mary Wells 2, W. F. Judge 3, C. P. Turner 4, J. Hodgson 5, B. Wheeler 6, M. J. Turner (cond.) 7, M. Journeaux 8.

Edbaston, Warks. — April 12, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Rankin 1, M. A. Thow 2, A. D. Kingscote 3, T. H. O. Lewis 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. A farewell to M. A. Thow. Also May 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. Dickinson 1, T. Lewis 2, Gwyneth James (cond.) 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, R. Bradley 5, A. Kingscote 6, J. White 7, D. Rankin 8. By Birmingham University Society.

Erith, Kent. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Watkins (first quarter) 1, F. Bacon 2, N. North 3, R. Wakefield 4, J. T. Stevens 5, L. Cullum 6, F. Cullum (cond.) 7, T. W. H. Blewitt 8. A compliment to the treble ringer on her forthcoming marriage.

Euston, Suffolk. — May 20, 1260 Bob Doubles (three methods): I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Iivings 2, B. Whiting 3, M. J. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Iivings 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Annie Brown.

Folkingham, Lincs. — May 23, 1320 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): S. Johnson 1, W. B. Dawson 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, H. Barsley 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, M. Belcher 6.

Glaston, Rutland. — May 24, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): R. N. Scholes 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, L. Atton 4, Cynthia E. Barnett (cond.) 5, C. J. Groome 6. For family service.

Gospel Oak, N.W. — May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Susan E. Shaw 3, K. R. Tompsett 4, W. G. Knight 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday Parish Communion.

Great Addington, Northants. — May 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss B. Winterborne 1, Miss J. Green 2, Miss E. Hall 3, Miss G. Green 4, D. Attley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.



**Harpenden, Herts.**—March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. Painter 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, A. Day 4, A. Wilby 5, F. Jacklin 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, R. Newsdon 8. Also April 27, 1260 P.B. Minor: Catherine M. Bew 1, Dianna Kingham (first Pl. Bob) 2, L. G. Coburn 3, F. Jacklin 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, A. Wilby 6. For Evensong.

**Haslingfield, Cambs.**—May 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Barnard 1, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 2, E. W. Brown 3, W. J. Ridgman 4, B. Horrell (cond.) 5, A. E. Ling 6. For Whitsunday.

**Hatfield Heath, Essex.**—May 19, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Camp (first quarter) 1, K. Westwood 2, D. R. Hutley 3, P. Warboys 4, A. Richardson 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

**Hendon, Middx.**—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Garrard (first quarter) 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Elizabeth Spry 3, D. J. Gazeley 4, Ruth M. Foreman (cond.) 5, E. Edmondson 6. For Evensong. Also May 20, 1260 P.B. Minor: Dorothea M. Robotham 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, E. Edmondson 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Welfare Association service.

**Hessle, E. Yorks.**—May 7, 1260 P.B. Minor: Angela Gardiner 1, J. C. Hope 2, Gillian F. Gardiner 3, R. R. Horton 4, A. Hessey 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6. For Ascension. Also May 17, 1260 Minor (three methods): R. H. Sharp 1, Gillian F. Gardiner 2, Gail P. Horton 3, A. Hessey 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (first in three methods as cond.) 6. For Whitsunday.

**Heydour, Lincs.**—May 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Butler 1, H. Barsley 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, M. Belcher 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, J. H. Taylor 7, P. Butler 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

**Hitchin, Herts.**—May 17, 1266 Cambridge S. Minor: J. McCutcheon 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, A. J. Boyd 3, Cecile Forgan 4, I. R. Panton 5, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday early morning Holy Communion.

**Hoddesdon, Herts.**—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Derriane Henderson (first quarter) 1, D. Clarke 2, J. C. King 3, R. C. Upton 4, R. L. Horder (cond.) 5, E. W. Monk 6. For Ascension-tide. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stockwell (first quarter) 1, J. C. King 2, R. C. Upton 3, R. L. Horder (cond.) 4, D. Clarke 5, E. W. Monk 6. For Whitsunday.

**Honiton, Devon.**—May 10, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Travers (first on eight, aged 11) 1, F. Stamp 2, D. Wallis 3, D. Salter 4, Genebeth Webb 5, N. Salter 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, T. Travers 8. First in method 2, 3, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

**Hughenden, Bucks.**—May 10, 1344 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Newton (cond.) 1, A. R. Blaby 2, Judith Loten 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, A. Newton 5, R. Biggs 6, P. Newton 7, D. A. Cornwall 8.

**Iffley, Oxford.**—May 10, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, W. Carter 2, L. Busby 3, R. Goodwin 4, D. Pullen 5. Also May 17, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. J. Adams 1, Mrs. C. Clarke 2, L. Busby 3, D. Woodley (cond.) 4, W. Carter 5, D. Pullen 6. To commemorate 8th centenary of Iffley Church.

**Keele, Staffs.**—May 17, 1260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Jones (first quarter) 1, J. I. Cox 2, P. W. Gay 3, J. Lawson 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, J. Hocking (first quarter) 6. At the end of the church's centenary.

**Kelvedon, Essex.**—May 16, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Elliott 1, F. T. Whiterod 2, J. Warner 3, W. Elliott 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Elliott.

**Kingsbury Episcopi, Som.**—1260 P.B. Minor: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. A. Medley 2, G. W. Rendell, jun. 3, M. J. Medley 4, K. Prime 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6. To mark 80th anniversary of founding of Association; also a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

**Langdon Hills, Essex.**—May 24, 1280 Doubles (six methods): S. Clarke (first in more than one method) 1, Janice Manterfield (first in more than one method inside) 2, S. D. Stott 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6.

**Leytonstone, E.**—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill 1, Miss M. Cass 2, W. Theobald 3, M. Waring 4, P. Sippett 5, G. Walker (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, R. Poole 8. For Evensong.

**London, W.C.**—May 17, St. Clement Danes', 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: J. E. Cannell 1, I. H. Oram (cond.) 2, Miss J. Reynolds 3, Mrs. I. H. Oram 4, J. Pladdys 5, Miss D. E. Colgate 6, E. J. Ladd 7, T. Lewis 8, J. W. Smith 9, K. J. Rider 10. For Evensong.

**Longwood, Yorks.**—May 3, 1320 Combined Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: P. Couchman 1, A. Lunn 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. A compliment to Rev. E. O. Roberts during the interregnum. Also May 17, 1320 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B., Poynton Special Alliance), same band. For Whitsuntide. Also May 7, 1440 Spliced T.B. and Delight Minor (11 methods): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. L. H. Wood to Longwood.

**Lympe, Kent.**—May 10, 1260 Doubles: A. R. Day 1, G. J. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. Baldock 6. For Evensong. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. R. Day 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

**Lyng, Som.**—May 23, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: W. C. Boucher (first T.B.) 1, G. H. Baldam 2, F. M. Bowers 3, M. J. Medley 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

**Maiden Newton, Dorset.**—May 23, 1296 S. Minor (London, Beverley): D. J. Ellery 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. A. S. Bishop 3, M. J. Hiller 4, C. W. Powell 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

**Marston, Oxon.**—May 17, 1260 P.B. Doubles: K. J. Harris 1, Miss H. E. McGowan (first inside Doubles) 2, R. H. Jones 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Whitsunday.

**Mears Ashby, Northants.**—May 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Hall 1, Diane Osborne 2, Diane Vickers 3, Mrs. W. G. Callis 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, B. Vickers 6. To mark the centenary of Mears Ashby School.

**Middleton, Lancs.**—May 24, 1280 P.B. Major: Rev. Brooke Lunn 1, L. Miller 2, Mrs. L. Kathleen Miller 3, J. P. Spencer 4, M. Murphy 5, A. J. Smethurst 6, W. H. Riddle 7, G. O. Sanders (cond.) 8. After the ordination service.

**Mitcheldean, Glos.**—May 10, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann Brain 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, Nicola Paton 3, R. Smith 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6, Susan Paton 7, R. Davis 8. For the dedication by the Bishop of Gloucester of the new east window.

**Much Hadham, Herts.**—May 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Austin 1, A. Swotton 2, Miss J. Carter 3, E. Newnham 4, R. Southgate 5, B. J. W. Foley 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 7, P. Glazebrook 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Newnham.

**Nettleham, Lincs.**—May 17, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Frankland 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Miss R. Wilson (first inside) 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, D. Booth 6. For Evensong.

**Newchurch, Kent.**—May 19, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Beeching 1, Miss M. Maynell 2, H. Deacon 3, R. C. Offen (first as cond.) 4, E. J. Clifton 5, A. S. Phipps 6. A farewell to Rev. John Murrell (curate), leaving for Suffolk.

**Newland, Glos.**—April 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Willis 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, I. Newell 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

**Norton, Herts.**—May 14, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: T. Hatchett 1, G. T. Horritt 2, D. L. Gullick 3, Margaret M. Roden 4, Maureen P. Panton 5, A. J. Boyd 6, I. R. Panton (cond.) 7, S. Bedford 8.

**Old Alresford, Hants.**—May 16, 1320 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Dorothy M. Huggins 1, Ann Palmer 2, L. A. Tremear (cond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, J. Huggins 5, J. Hatch 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Margaret West.

**Oxford.**—May 17, at St. Ebbe's, 1264 P.B. Major: M. J. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, N. I. Allnatt 3, C. Coles 4, D. C. Woodward 5, W. C. Porter 6, E. R. Venn 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8.

**Painswick, Glos.**—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rebecca Seex (first quarter) 1, R. Cornock 2, Sara Cornock 3, J. Taylor 4, Susan Williams (cond.) 5, Louise Lisle (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**Penn, Staffs.**—April 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, J. A. Roden (cond.) 2, D. G. Smith 3, M. Gaskell 4, G. F. Griffiths 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Griffiths 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Garbett.

**Pembroke.**—April 27, 1260 P.B. Triples: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, A. Lingard 3, Betty M. Rogers 4, Nesta M. Rosen 5, S. P. Rogers 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, P. R. Lindley 8. A farewell to Rev. Roy Dosey, leaving for Milford Haven. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C. Pattison 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, N. C. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers (cond., 50th quarter) 5, P. R. Lindley 6. For Whitsunday.

**Portsmouth, Hants.**—May 17, at the Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Edna Jones 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, A. Hicks 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, A. E. Hoodless 6. For the foundation stone laying of St. Clare's Church Centre, Warren Park. Also May 18, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss J. Berriman 3, M. S. Bruce 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, W. Willans 6, A. A. J. Buswell 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

**Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.**—April 19, 1260 P.B. Minor: L. Jolley 1, Janet Bull 2, H. Hanson 3, A. Haines 4, D. Stainsby 5, A. King (cond.) 6. To welcome Jennifer and Lyndon Jolley to the parish.

**Rougham, Suffolk.**—May 17, 1260 Single Court and P.B.: M. Rose 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, D. Rose 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Father and three sons' first quarter together.

**St. Ippolyts, Herts.**—May 24, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Gentle 1, Josephine Trigg 2, Jacqueline Saker 3, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 4, Cecile Forgan 5, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 6. To welcome Alf Harris home from hospital.

**Sandon, Essex.**—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: Diana Bush (first quarter) 1, K. W. Brown 2, Marilyn Freeman 3, C. Saltmarsh 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday Eucharist.

**Saxilby, Lincs.**—Whitsunday, 1260 Single Oxford: Colleen East 1, Mrs. G. A. East 2, D. Surman 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 6.

**Semley, Wilts.**—May 24, 1260 Doubles (four methods): R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, N. O. Skelton 2, M. J. Hiller 3, R. Haines 4, R. N. Marlow 5. After meeting short for a peal.

**Shadwell, London, E.**—May 17, at St. Paul's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Bingham 1, D. Stone 2, M. J. Bingham 3, A. D. Flood 4, D. M. Hughes 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6, N. Thomson 7, M. D. Roberts 8. For Whitsun. Mrs. Bingham is the first lady to take part in a quarter on the bells (cast in 1820).

**Shrewsbury, Salop.**—April 26, at St. Chad's, 1260 P.B. Royal: D. Smith 1, Miss V. Bennett 2, Miss V. Edge 3, Miss P. Stocken 4, J. A. Beaumont 5, F. Leech 6, L. D. K. Roberts 7, N. R. Holland 8, R. H. Newton 9, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 10. First Royal for 1, 3, 5. For Evensong.

**Shrewsbury, Salop.**—April 26, at St. Mary the Virgin Church, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Miss G. B. Smith 1, Mrs. J. Beech 2, Mrs. E. Stevens 3, Mrs. M. I. Brown 4, F. Beech 5, P. Brown 6, I. Friend 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also May 10, 1295 Grandsire Caters: A. E. G. Owen 1, R. H. Newton 2, Miss G. B. Smith 3, Miss P. Stocken (first inside) 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, F. Leech 7, Mrs. E. Stevens 8, E. F. Willcox 9, J. Crum (first on ten) 10.

**Southgate, N.**—May 20, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Willcock (first Triples) 1, Miss S. M. A. Green 2, S. G. Peck 3, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, D. Willcocks 6, P. M. Cuckson 7, W. Bradbrook 8.

**Spalding, Lincs.**—May 22, 1320 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): S. Chambers (first quarter) 1, S. Hare 2, G. A. Flatters 3, G. H. Campling 4, M. J. Belcher (first Doubles as cond.) 5, S. Johnson 6. By pupils of Spalding Grammar School (avge. age 14) for school's Charter Day.

**Stamford, Lincs.**—Whitsunday, at St. Martin's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Mitchell (13, first quarter) 1, W. Beddow 2, E. Tyers 3, W. E. Cox 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, F. M. Mitchell 6. For morning service.

**S. Petherton, Som.**—May 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Monkton 1, G. Glyde 2, H. Pearce 3, R. A. Welch 4, R. C. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6. In memoriam Michael Newberry, chorister, server and ringer; also for 80th anniversary of B. and W. Association.



**Stapleford, Cambs.**—May 23, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. I. West 1, Julie Barnes (first Minor inside) 2, G. K. Terris 3, A. D. Lilley 4, E. J. Dicken 5, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 6. To welcome Rev. C. A. Barber to Stapleford. Also Trinity Sunday, 1320 P.B. Doubles: J. S. Bates 1, Jean F. West 2, R. I. West 3, Julie Barnes 4, M. R. Kitson (first Doubles as cond.) 5, A. Kellock 6. For Rev. C. A. Barber's first Parish Communion at Stapleford.

**Staunton, Glos.**—April 24, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, J. Riley 2, Miss S. Willis 3, J. Maggs 4, I. Newell 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. **Stratton, Cornwall.**—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, A. Davison 2, C. Worth 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey 6, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 7, R. Cann 8. For Whitsunday; also a birthday compliment to Charles Sangwin and a tribute to Joseph Elliott, of Colchester.

**Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts.**—May 11, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Anne M. Ford 1, Susan Houghton (first quarter) 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3 and 4, Anita D. O'Brien 5.

**Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.**—Whitsunday, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3.

**Tidenham, Glos.**—April 24, 1260 Doubles: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Miss J. Parker 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, I. Newell 4, J. Riley (cond.) 5, B. Goodliffe 6.

**Titchfield, Hants.**—Whitsunday, 1440 London Bob Minor: J. F. A. Rolph 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, H. L. Hatfield (50th quarter) 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

**Tortworth, Glos.**—May 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jackson 1, G. T. Collins 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, S. Poole 6.

**Walberton, Sussex.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Drummond (first quarter) 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, Susan M. Wills 3, C. Renward 4, P. M. Wills 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Westerleigh, Glos.**—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, B. Angell 2, A. Dando 3, Margaret Wilcox 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. Ferris (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday; also for the christening of Maria Sharon Tavender, great-granddaughter of John Ferris.

**Westminster, S.W.**—May 17, at St. Margaret's, 1277 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, Mrs. C. Harbott 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, Mrs. E. Cave 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, G. Parsons 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8, P. Cave 9, E. Peett 10. A welcome to Mr. P. Cave and Mrs. Cave (née Deal).

**West Wickham, Kent.**—May 17, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: K. Gamm (first T.B.) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. A. Gay 4, W. A. Hughes 5, S. H. Gay (first T.B. as cond.) 6. For Whitsun.

**Weston-super-Mare, Som.**—April 18, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Sheppard (cond.) 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, J. Trimm 4, H. Hooper 5, S. Lewis 6, B. Mills 7, C. Field 8. First in method for all.

**Whittlesford, Cambs.**—May 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Currell 1, Marion Kemp 2, R. Newman 3, Pat Hurworth 4, I. G. Hinton (first Minor inside) 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 17, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Liz Bird (first quarter) 1, Sheila Hinton 2, L. J. York Moore 3, J. York Moore 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For Evensong.

**Wicken, Northants.**—May 14, 1260 Superlative S. Major: T. Roberts 1, R. Yates 2, A. Haseldine 3, R. Haseldine 4, W. Yates 5, M. Hooton 6, B. Eglesfield 7, G. Green (cond.) 8.

**Wickford, Essex.**—April 1, at 57 Grange Avenue, 1440 P.B. Minor: P. A. Cammiade (first Minor) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, G. Mason (first inside as cond.) 5-6. Also April 2, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): G. Mason (most methods and as cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (most methods) 3-4, P. A. Cammiade (most methods) 5-6. Most methods for Society. Also April 3, 1260 Doubles (two methods): P. A. Cammiade 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, K. T. Bradley 5-6. Also April 6, 1260 Doubles (four methods): G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, K. T. Bradley 5-6.

**Wing, Bucks.**—April 10, 1260 Minor (two methods): G. Edmunds 1, J. Peirce 2, A. Haseldine 3, R. Haseldine 4, M. Hooton 5, B. Eglesfield (cond.) 6.

## Peals

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

#### LONDON, S.W., St. Mary the Virgin, Barnes.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (10½ cwt.)

#### 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 A. Keith P. Poole
- 2 Nigel Thomson
- 3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)
- 4 David A. Town
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 John Illingworth
- 7 Peter G. Holden
- 8 James E. Andrews

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

#### HYDE, Cheshire, St. George.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (18½ cwt.)

#### 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Sylvia Smith
- 2 Derek F. Yates
- 3 Roland W. Morant
- 4 Norman Sherratt
- 5 Raymond J. Ballard
- 6 Ivor R. Nichols
- 7 Roy Worrall
- 8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

#### REDDISH, Lancashire, St. Elisabeth.

Sun., May 17, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11½ cwt.)

#### 5040 MINOR (1 each London S., Kent T.B., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge S.).

- 1 John Robinson
- 2 Alan F. Scholfield
- 3 E. C. Gareth Higgs
- 4 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 5 Denis Mottershead
- 6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

Rung during Whit Sunday parish procession, to mark the retirement of the Rev. B. Timmins (25 years rector).

#### WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6 cwt.)

#### 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 2 Harry W. Howard
- 3 A. Doreen Edwards
- \*4 Gordon K. Green
- †5 Peter Wilkinson
- 6 Paul Maddock

\*Circled the tower. †First peal. The conductor has now circled the tower nine times and conducted a peal from each bell four times.

**Wood Green, N.**—May 6, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Wendy J. Wallace 1, P. Ann Plaster (first Minor) 2, Maureen J. Hanney 3, G. G. Firman 4, P. G. Holden 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

**Worplesdon, Surrey.**—Feb. 1, 1260 Doubles: B. Underwood 1, J. Avenall 2, M. J. Kirk 3, D. Lodge 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, J. Turner 6. For morning service. Also March 1, 1260 Doubles: B. Underwood 1, P. Selwood 2, J. Avenall 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, J. Turner 6. On St. David's Day. Also May 3, 1260 Doubles: B. Underwood 1, P. Selwood 2, D. Bennett 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, P. Green 6. For morning service.

**Wyke Regis, Dorset.**—May 23, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Angela Quick 1, Mrs. A. S. Bishop 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, D. J. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller 5, D. Cull 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8.

#### KIDSGROVE, Staffs, St. Thomas.

Thur., May 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

#### 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Mandi McCallion
- 2 Norman Sherratt
- 3 Roy Worrall
- \*4 Frank Morton
- 5 Roland Morant
- 6 William Dowse
- 7 Raymond Ballard
- 8 Ian Holland (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

#### OVER, Cheshire, St. Chad.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (14 cwt.)

#### 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

- \*1 Michael Thomson
- 2 David Godfrey
- 3 Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe
- 4 Geoffrey Edwards
- 5 Christopher J. Jones
- 6 Harry W. Howard
- 7 Geoffrey Green (Conductor)
- 8 Douglas Lowe

\*100th peal.

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

#### STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (19 cwt.)

#### 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Arranged by A. J. Cox.

- 1 Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 2 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)
- 3 Fred C. Lyne
- 4 Jill Riley
- 5 Richard J. Danby
- \*6 Raymon A. Sheasby
- 7 Raymond C. Sayers
- 8 John Clements
- 9 John F. Thorne
- 10 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

\*First on 10.

### DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

#### SANDIACRE, Derbyshire, St. Giles.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16½ cwt.)

#### 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

- 1 Mrs. Eva Sheppard
- 2 Vivien Smart
- 3 Nora Carlisle
- 4 Ivan Barlow
- 5 John W. Chadwick
- 6 Denis R. Carlisle (Conductor)

Half-muffled in memoriam Girling Rigby, ringer at this church.

### DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

#### MORPETH, Northumberland, Watch Tower

Wed., May 6, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

#### 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Baker.

- 1 Christine H. Telfer
- 2 George S. Deas
- 3 Andrew G. Craddock
- 4 Stephen C. Wells
- 5 Christopher J. Sharp
- 6 David Martin
- 7 Malcolm E. Johnson
- 8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor)



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**LONDON, E., Shoreditch, St. Leonard.  
Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 41min. (28 cwt.)**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1 Angela M. Wright
- 2 James M. Hills
- 3 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 4 Graham A. Duke
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 Derek E. Sibson
- 7 Frank Blagrove
- 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex,  
St. Margaret of Antioch.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (11 cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- 1 Joan Beresford
- 2 Jane Foster
- 3 Sheila M. Dobbie
- \*4 Philip R. Down
- 5 Michael H. O'Callaghan
- 6 Edwin A. Barnett
- 7 Walter H. Dobbie
- 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

\*First of Major.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD**LEWES, Sussex, St. John the Baptist,  
Southover.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17½ cwt.)

**5091 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by E. Bennett.

- 1 Mrs. R. Jean Osbon
- \*2 Christopher J. Bassett
- †3 Jennifer A. Dunning
- †4 David A. Town
- †5 Alan R. Baldock
- 6 Ernest J. Ladd
- †7 Brian E. Jeffrey
- 8 John W. Smith (Conductor)
- 9 John Pladdys
- 10 Maxwell F. Oakshett

\*First of Caters. †First of Stedman Caters.  
‡First in the method.**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the  
Virgin.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (22½ cwt.)

**5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS**

- 1 Maryl R. Fielden
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 Janet House
- 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 5 Keith W. Brown
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 John H. Fielden
- 8 Frank E. Haynes
- 9 John G. Gipson
- 10 Philip J. Rothera
- 11 David E. House
- 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

**LITTLEPORT, Cambs, St. George.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (18½ cwt.)

**5022 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Mary E. Elmes
- \*2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Allen Twyman
- 4 Brian B. Hullah
- †5 Geoffrey Pearson
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 Donald F. Murfet
- 8 George E. Thoday

\*First in the method. †300th peal.

**HILGAY, Norfolk, All Saints.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (17 cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Donald F. Murfet
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Allen Twyman
- 4 Geoffrey Pearson
- 5 David R. Saunderson
- 6 Geoffrey A. Lucas
- 7 George E. Thoday (Conductor)
- 8 Jack S. Dear

**ST. NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary.**

Sun., May 17, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (29½ cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Forster.

- 1 Anthony H. Smith
- \*2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Robert D. Bellamy
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 David R. Saunderson
- 8 George E. Thoday

\*First in method inside.

**TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.**

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 3 Allen Twyman
- 4 Donald F. Murfet
- 5 Geoffrey Pearson
- 6 Peter G. Brown
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 Philip J. Rothera

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****GREAT EASTON, Essex, St. John**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).**

- 1 Peter J. Perkins
- 2 James Green
- \*3 Michael J. Hunter
- 4 Christopher G. Hardy
- †5 Edwin J. Roper
- 6 Frank W. J. Roper (Conductor)

\*First inside. †First peal.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.)

**5024 QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Lewis Cobb
- 2 Anita D. O'Brien
- 3 Alan R. Pink
- 4 Martyn Hawkes
- 5 Michael Hatchett
- 6 Brian Bladon
- 7 Anthony R. Peake
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

**GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (12 methods: Rev. Bob, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Double and Plain; St. Clements, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall; Cambridge Surprise; Kent T.B.; St. Clements and Plain Bob; Oxford T.B.; Double Bob and Plain Bob).

- 1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
- \*2 Margaret Bowman
- \*3 Ann Toomer
- \*4 Timothy R. Jones
- †5 Anita D. O'Brien
- \*†6 Allan Keen

\*Most methods. †Most methods away from treble. ‡25th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Anita D. O'Brien.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12½ cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- \*1 Michael V. Powell
- \*2 Valerie Edge
- \*3 Robert A. Hatcher
- 4 John F. I. Turney
- 5 Leslie Evans
- †6 Frederick R. Harris
- 7 John C. Eisel (Conductor)
- 8 Norman R. Mattingley

\*First of Double Norwich. †200th for guild.  
First of Double Norwich as conductor**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****CHIPPING BARNET, Herts, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (23½ cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Arranged by A. R. Carter.

- 1 Michael D. Frost
- 2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 Ruth M. Foreman
- 4 Eric Edmondson
- 5 David Redfearn
- 6 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 7 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)
- 8 Philip Mehew

An engagement compliment to Andrew Wilby and Frances Carpenter, also a wedding compliment to Roy Adcock and Elizabeth Aubrey.

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**WHALLEY, Lancs, St. Mary and All Saints.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21 cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Eric J. Gilbert
- 2 David F. Moore
- \*3 Elizabeth Forster
- \*4 Joyce M. Clarke
- \*5 Robert Peers
- \*6 Geoffrey C. Sparling
- 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)
- 8 Christopher Forster

\*First of Lincolnshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 55 min. (16½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Double Oxford St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1 P. Charles Sinden
- 2 Rachel J. Sinden
- 3 Robin J. Elliott
- 4 Crawford T. Hillis
- 5 Edward F. P. Bryant (Conductor)
- 6 Nicholas J. Davies

**ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist.**

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.)

**5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by I. M. Holland. (C.C.C. 12.)

- 1 H. Roy Hart
- 2 Arthur G. Mason
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Frederick J. Cullum
- 5 Herbert E. Audsley
- 6 Michael H. O'Callaghan
- 7 Ian H. Oram (Conductor)
- 8 Trevor A. Cross

Rung as near as convenient to the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Bristol on Westminster Abbey bells, the ringer of the second being the only survivor.

**STOWTING, KENT, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (3 St. Clements, 4 Plain Bob, 7 callings).

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 Elizabeth A. Todd
- 3 Philip M. Hills
- 4 Martin L. Haigh
- 5 Peter S. Philpott
- 6 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

**APPLEDORE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12½ cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (7 methods: 960 Bristol, Chesterfield, 800 London, 640 Cambridge, Stockport Wembley, 480 Superlative, 140 changes of method).

Composed by S. Jenner.

- 1 Doris E. Colgate
- 2 Ann Jenner
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Arthur S. Richards
- 5 Ralph Bird
- 6 Ian H. Oram
- \*7 David C. Brookes
- 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

\*First of 7 Spliced Surprise.

**LONDON, S.E., St. John's, Deptford.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14 cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Kenneth J. Rider
- \*2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3 Alan D. Flood
- \*4 A. Keith P. Poole
- 5 Nigel Thomson
- \*6 David A. Town
- 7 Tony Lewis
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**LITTLE CHART, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

- 1 David Parks
- \*2 Richard C. Offen
- †3 Neville A. Crane
- 4 Rhian N. Bagshaw
- 5 Simon A. B. Wigg
- 6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

\*First peal. †First of Surprise.

**HIGH HALDEN, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (13½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 David Parks
- 2 Neville A. Crane
- 3 P. Charles Sinden
- 4 Rhian N. Bagshaw
- 5 Peter M. J. Bradford
- 6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

**LONDON, Westminster, St. Clement Danes.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21½ cwt.)

**5055 STEDMAN CATERS**Composed by A. M. Brosier.  
Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis.

- \*1 A. Keith P. Poole
- 2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- †3 Janet House
- 4 David A. Town
- 5 Peter G. Holden
- 6 James E. Andrews
- 7 Philip Bosworth
- 8 Nigel Thomson
- 9 David E. House
- 10 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

\*First of Caters. †First of Stedman Caters.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION****MANCHESTER, Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (27½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- 1 John P. Partington
- 2 Frank Reynolds
- 3 Peter Dyson
- 4 I. E. Margaret Manby
- 5 Peter Watson
- 6 Geoffrey O. Sanders
- 7 Jeffrey Kershaw
- \*8 Roland F. Eccles
- 9 Neil Bennett
- 10 Alan Ward (Conductor)

\*50th for the Association. By members of the Manchester, Rochdale and Rossendale Branches to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. William Derreck Lindsay Greer, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Manchester.

**FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs. St. John the Evangelist.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.)

**5152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by D. G. Lawson.

- 1 Thomas Hobson
- 2 Joseph Thornley
- 3 William Birmingham, jun.
- 4 Albert Greenhalgh
- 5 Dennis H. McCormick
- 6 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

In memoriam Arthur Burton, a ringer at St. Paul's, Walkden.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****OWSTON FERRY, Lincs, St. Martin.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Wavertree, College, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Rev. Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain).

- 1 Hilary Hall
- 2 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 3 Melvyn A. Rose
- 4 Roger Hippisley
- 5 Harold Judd
- 6 Richard H. Hall

In memoriam Mr. W. Underwood, of Haxey.

**GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs, All Saints.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (19½ cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Jack Bray
- \*2 William Bains
- 3 Melvyn A. Rose
- 4 Derek Stainsby
- \*5 John F. Underwood
- †6 Roger Hippisley
- \*7 Richard Hall
- 8 John G. Hall (Conductor)

\*First of Surprise Major. †First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****BURFORD, Oxon, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (18 cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 G. John Collett
- 2 Christopher W. Woolley
- 3 John R. Southey
- 4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 5 Brian W. Hall
- 6 D. Kay Adkins
- 7 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- 8 Frank Reed

**KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (16½ cwt.)

**5056 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

- \*1 Dianne Gazeley
- 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- \*3 Eunice A. Lewis
- \*4 Walter G. Knight
- \*5 Ronald K. Russ
- \*6 Michael Hatchett
- 7 Frank W. Lewis
- \*8 Edgar J. Smith

\*First in the method. To mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. C. Price.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****CHEPSTOW, Mon, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Parker's 12-part.)

- \*1 Leighton Cooke (14)
- 2 Jacqueline S. King
- \*3 Jeremy D. Owen
- 4 Reuben S. Clench
- 5 David J. Hughes
- 6 Donald G. Clift
- 7 David J. King (Conductor)
- \*8 G. Nigel Williams (13)

\*First peal. A welcome to Rachel Ellen Pope, first grandchild of John J. Sims, tower master.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,  
Bell Foundry.**

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Richard J. Clifton
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 B. Stedman Payne
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 Ron D. Hughes (Conductor)
- 8 Roland Beniston

First as conductor.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD****HARROW WEALD, Middx, All Saints.**

Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (7½ cwt.)

**5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 H. George Hart
- \*2 Elsie K. Hart
- \*3 Dorothea M. Robotham
- \*4 Claudia A. Critchley
- 5 Alick Cutler
- †6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- \*7 Frank Reed
- \*8 Thomas J. Lock

\*First in method. †First of Major in method.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD****STAVERTON, Northants, St. Mary.**

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

- 1 Stanley F. Webb
- 2 John K. Foot
- 3 Edward C. Garrett
- \*4 Malcolm R. Weatherhead
- 5 Richard J. Danby
- 6 Barrie Hendry (Conductor)

\*First peal. A wedding compliment to Malcolm R. Weatherhead and Linda Page; and to welcome Victoria Elizabeth Hendry (born April 22nd).

**MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Fri., May 15, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (16 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Julian C. Parker
- 2 Brian R. Danby
- 3 Murray A. Coleman
- 4 Stephen B. Bell
- 5 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 6 Richard J. Cowley
- \*7 Raymond Henman
- 8 Barry R. Care (Conductor)

\*First in the method. To mark the completion of a new floor and ringing chamber,

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD****EVERSHOT, Dorset, St. Osmond.**

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- \*3 Ian Calvert
- 4 Graham W. Elmes
- 5 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

\*First of Minor.

**TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire, St. James.**

Mon., May 26, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (24½ cwt.)

**5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by J. Carter.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- \*2 Frank L. Harris
- 3 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 4 Robert C. Kippin
- 5 Philip N. Tubbs
- 6 Ann M. Tubbs
- 7 Michael J. Best
- 8 Richard H. Youdale
- 9 Edward J. Chivers
- 10 Ronald N. Marlow
- 11 James A. D. Woolford
- 12 Laurence E. Hitchins

Rung non-conducted and silent.

Umpire: Heather A. Kippin.

\*50th of Stedman Cinques. First non-conducted peal of Cinques for all.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****SOUTHWELL, Notts, Cathedral Church of  
St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (25½ cwt.)

**5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**

Composed by F. C. Price.

- \*1 William L. Exton (Conductor)
- †2 Susan M. O'Neill
- 3 Peter L. R. Hayward
- 4 Beryl N. Reed
- \*5 R. Brian Mills
- †6 Margaret E. Snyder
- †7 Derek J. Tysoe
- 8 James W. Raithby
- 9 David Stainsby
- 10 George A. Dawson
- †11 John Meredith
- 12 John R. Leeming

\*Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Max. (even numbers). †First of Maximus. †First on 12. First of Plain Bob Maximus by all except ringer of 10, for the guild and by a resident band. For Whitsun,

**NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter.**

Mon., May 18, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (19½ cwt.)

**5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by John Carter.

- \*1 John R. Rigby
- \*2 H. Geoffrey Wells
- 3 George A. Dawson
- †4 Peter L. R. Hayward
- 5 Susan M. O'Neill
- 6 David Stainsby
- 7 James W. Raithby
- 8 R. Brian Mills
- 9 William L. Exton (Conductor)
- 10 F. William Midwinter.

\*First on 10. †First of Grandsire Caters. A compliment to Cclr. C. W. Judge, vice-president of this guild (and uncle of the tenor ringer), on election as Sheriff of Nottingham.

**NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts,  
SS. Peter and Paul.**

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (3 Oxford Bob, 4 Plain Bob)**

- 1 Diana M. Mounsey
- 2 Mary C. Poyner
- 3 John A. Coates
- \*4 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)
- 5 Harold Denman
- 6 Harry Poyner

\*50th peal.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****THETFORD, Norfolk, St. Peter.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18 cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 3 Jennifer M. Whittell
- 4 Neville F. Whittell
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 George E. Bonham
- 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
- 8 George E. Thoday

**WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sun., May 17, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 5 Alan G. Feaver
- 6 Adrian Knights
- 7 J. Martin Thorley
- 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

**GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8 cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8**

methods: 1600 Rutland and London, 320 each Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Ernest G. Pearce
- 2 J. Barry Pickup
- 3 J. Martin Thorley
- \*4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- †7 Alan J. Munnings
- 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

\*First of spliced. †First of 8-spliced.

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**HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints.**

Sun., May 24, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (17 cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 Peter S. Bedford
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- 5 Leslie G. Brett
- 6 Ernest G. Pearce
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 Stephen J. Bedford

**ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11½ cwt.)

**5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- 2 Stephen Bedford
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Katharine M. Thorley
- \*5 Peter Bedford
- \*6 Adrian Knights
- 7 Ernest G. Pearce
- 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

\*First in method. Wedding compliment to Ruth Woodman and Robert Last, married at Aldringham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**

**BROMLEY, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16½ cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Carol Martin
- 2 Raymond J. Talbot
- 3 Felicity Hamilton
- 4 Elizabeth Stevens
- 5 Keith Game
- 6 Nigel Thomson
- 7 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)
- 8 Frederick E. Collins

On the day of the Dinner marking the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Surrey Association.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION**

(St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society.)

**GLASGOW, St. Mary's Cathedral.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (32 cwt.)

**5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by E. C. Sheppard.

- \*1 Miss M. Livingstone
- \*2 Mrs. D. A. Preston
- 3 Mrs. J. Tomkinson
- 4 T. J. Winderam
- 5 R. M. Preston
- 6 M. J. Pink
- 7 M. M. Peterson
- 8 T. C. Winderam
- 9 J. M. Preston (Conductor)
- 10 D. M. Graham-Service

\*First peal. First as conductor.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex, St. George.**

Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (8½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (1 Kent and Oxford T.B., 5 Plain Bob).**

- 1 E. Winifred Keys
- \*2 Bronwen Davies
- 3 Ruth E. Halford
- 4 Patrick M. Wills
- 5 Cecil Longhurst
- 6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

\*First in more than one method inside.

**CHICHESTER, Sussex, Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.**

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (18½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Anne M. Stevens
- 2 Ruth E. Halford
- 3 Susan M. Wills
- 4 Kenneth C. Knight
- 5 Christopher G. Renyard
- 6 Patrick M. Wills
- 7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)
- 8 Philip Stevens

First by the Sunday service band since 1894.

**LODSWORTH, Sussex, St. Peter.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).**

- 1 Patrick M. Wills
- 2 Susan M. Wills
- 3 Ruth E. Halford
- 4 Christopher G. Renyard
- 5 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)
- 6 Frank H. Hicks

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**

**ST. EWE, Cornwall, All Saints.**

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES & MINOR (2160 Doubles, 2880 Minor.)**

- 1 E. Lesley Evans
- 2 T. Roy Hart
- 3 John Copping
- 4 Anthony P. Smith
- 5 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)
- 6 Robert Peel Pearce

First of Doubles and Minor for all and for the guild. Birthday compliment to 1 and 5, also a compliment to Harry Miles (born April 8, 1884).

**PERRANZABULOE, Cornwall, St. Piran.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES & MINOR (3600 Doubles, 1440 Minor.)**

- 1 T. Neil Hitchens
- 2 Janet S. Evans
- 3 Thomas E. Howarth
- 4 Derek A. Trethewey
- 5 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)
- 6 F. Malcolm Bowers

First of Doubles and Minor by all except 5. A compliment to Margaret A. B. Weston and W. Stanley Pryor on the occasion of their marriage, and to Tom Howarth on being awarded his naval pilot's wings.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**

**HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr 42min. (11 cwt.)

**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (20 methods: 384 Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Ashted, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, 150 changes of method).**

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Anita D. O'Brien
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Anthony R. Peake
- 4 Brian Bladon
- 5 Noel J. Diserens
- \*6 Michael J. Church
- 7 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)
- †8 Geoffrey K. Dodd

\*100th of Major. †Most methods for spiced. For the centenary of the church and bells.

**CHUTE FOREST, Wiltshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 David Goss
- 2 Lynette Holbrook
- 3 Philip G. Taylor
- 4 Robert J. Crocker
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 6 Peter L. Furniss (Conductor)

**YEOVIL, Somerset, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 34min. (41 cwt.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

(No. 3 version.)

- 1 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- \*4 Christopher I. Rowson
- \*5 Rowan S. Bradley
- \*6 Richard H. Youdale
- \*7 Michael J. Church
- 8 Robert E. J. Dennis
- \*9 Ronald N. Marlow
- 10 Geoffrey K. Dodd

\*First of London Surprise Royal.

**LYMINGTON, Hampshire, St. Thomas.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (21 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by G. B. Thompson.

- \*1 Barry F. Peachey
- 2 Mary Sutcliffe
- 3 Ian M. McCallion
- 4 Barry J. Fry
- 5 Roy Le Marechal
- 6 Richard Green (Conductor)
- 7 John P. Colliss
- 8 William Willans

\*First 8-bell peal. First as conductor.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

**BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Leonard.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (18½ cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- \*1 Alan M. Jones
- 2 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 3 M. Irene Brown
- 4 Morley P. Tobin
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Martin D. Fellows
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

\*First on a "Treble Bob" bell. In memory of Mr. Frederick Bishop, aged 58, for many years a worshipper at St. Leonard's.

**HANLEY SWAN, Worcs, St. Gabriel.**

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (25 methods: London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel T.B.; College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley T.B.; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet S.; Primrose, Berwick, Hexham S.; Kent and Oxford T.B.; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; Single Oxford, Plain, Double Bob).**

- 1 Bernard Spiers
- \*2 Christopher Hims
- 3 Shirley M. Drew
- \*4 Roger H. Hunt
- 5 John Clements
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

\*Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal by a resident Worcestershire band.

**From South Wales:**

Hurrah my boys at the parson's fall,  
For if he'd lived he'd a buried us all.



**DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.**

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (19 cwt.)

**5040 LONDON S. ROYAL (No. 3)**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Eric Hitchens
- 2 Morley P. Tobin
- \*3 M. Irene Brown
- 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 5 Michael G. J. Elson
- 6 Ian C. Maycock
- 7 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 8 Barrie Hendry
- 9 Gerald C. Hemming
- 10 Peter Border

\*First of London Royal

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****BIRSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Peter.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (22 cwt.)

**5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by E. A. Barnett

- 1 Andrew R. Naylor
- \*2 Alan Jackson
- 3 A. Barry Sullivan
- †4 Christopher D. Walker
- †5 Arthur Rogers
- 6 Frederick A. Munday
- †7 David Smith
- 8 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)

\*First peal. †First in the method.

**Handbells****CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire,  
52 Wellington Road.**

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 Geoffrey Edwards
- 3-4 Frank R. Morton
- 5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 7-8 John Gander

**ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire,  
52 Wellington Road.**

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 Mrs. C. K. Lewis
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 5-6 John Gander
- 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

**MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr.**

Thur. April 30, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (14 in D.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1-2 John Gander
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 5-6 David Atkinson
- 7-8 Neil D. Lomas

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****BUSHEY HEATH Herts, 39 Titian Av.**

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (15 in C.)

**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4**

methods: 2240 London, 1728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Superlative, 116 changes of method).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 Christopher W. Woolley
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- \*7-8 Vivian Nutton

\*First of spliced on handbells.

**WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Mon., May 18, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (15 in C.)

**5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by William Pye.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
- 11-12 Frank C. Price

First of Cambridge Maximus by all and for the association.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House,  
Cypress Court.**

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (15 in C.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Composed by J. Vicars.

- 1-2 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 3-4 Edward J. Beer
- 5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)
- \*7-8 Stuart Sandford

\*100th peal.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, West Winds  
Estate.**

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (17 in A.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- \*1-2 Richard Hall
- \*3-4 Roger Hippisley
- 5-6 C. Aubrey Harrison
- 7-8 John G. Hall (Conductor)

\*First of Major in hand.

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD****MANCHESTER, Room 24, St. Anselm Hall,  
Victoria Park.**

Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- \*1-2 Rosemary K. Gates
- 3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
- 5-6 William M. Taylor
- 7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

\*First handbell peal. On the University's Founders' Day, and a compliment to Norma and David Baker on the birth of a daughter, Karen Elaine.

**MANCHESTER, Room 24, St. Anselm Hall,  
Victoria Park.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 1hr. 54min. (14 in D.)

**5040 MINOR (Seven extents in 3 methods:**

Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Double Bob).

- 1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
- 3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
- 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

First handbell peal in three methods by all. A 21st birthday compliment to all the band.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD****SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (13 in E.)

**5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by W. S. Croft.

- 1-2 John S. Croft (Conductor)
- 3-4 William S. Croft
- 5-6 Kenneth S. B. Croft
- 7-8 James S. Croft

To mark Rev. James H. Symonds' ordination in Winchester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

**Lancashire Association.****BREADTH AND QUALITY OF WORK  
IMPRESSIVE**

This year's annual meeting was held in the Rochdale Branch and was well organised except for the weather. All appeared to enjoy themselves in spite of the cold and rain.

The service in Newhey Church was well attended and in his address the president, Canon A. Hodgson, took up the theme of Christianity in ringing, and the relative merits of peal and service ringing. About 130 sat down to tea, a very apt choice of hotpot and apple pie.

The A.G.M. was chaired by the president, who welcomed visitors from Leicestershire, Cheshire and Somerset. An appeal letter asking for funds for Stinchcombe bells was discussed but no proposal was made.

Mr. Dennis Jones, of Aughton, was declared elected vice-president by the postal ballot. There were no contenders for the post of general secretary and Mr. F. Reynolds were declared re-elected.

As the annual report had not been received in time, officers presented their own, and points were:—

**President's Message.**—Any impartial observer must have been impressed by the breadth and quality of the work at association and branch level. They were fortunate in the quality of the officers and committee. The rules of the association had been brought up to date in modern style and streamlined and simplified.

**General Secretary.**—Because a number of towers had not sent in their subscriptions by the end of the year, it was difficult to give an accurate assessment of membership. There appeared to have been a drop in membership and this, together with non-payers, was reflected in the treasurer's accounts. The duties of the ringing secretary had been split—Mr. C. Crossthwaite looking after ringing affairs and Mr. A. Ward was the report secretary.

**Ringing Secretary.**—During 1969 a total of 180 peals was rung, 26 on handbells (mostly at Hawkshead). Of the 154 tower bell peals one (of Major) which appeared in *The Ringing World* had not been included as no booking fee was received.

Congratulations to 35 members who had rung their first peal and to seven first as conductor. Kevin Price, with 57, was the leading peal ringer and also leading conductor, with 49. Peals had been rung by Sunday service bands at St. Thomas's, Newhey; Christ Church, Healey; St. Mary's, Penwortham; St. James', Leyland; and St. James', Accrington; and in spliced, Maximus was rung to 50 methods in March and raised to 60 in July.

The accounts showed a balance of £778 on the association funds against £852, due mainly to Income Tax and Corporation Tax of £34 14s. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £373.

More ringing and the usual social get-together followed the meeting, and it was approaching midnight when some of the visitors left for distant parts.

**SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (17 in A.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).**

- 1-2 James S. Croft
- 3-4 John S. Croft
- 5-6 William S. Croft (Conductor)



## Editorial

## THANK YOU!

The Editor much appreciates the action of the Central Council in accepting him as an honorary member, and he will endeavour to justify the confidence placed in him.

The many favourable comments and promises of continuing support he received were very encouraging, and we look forward to increasing interest throughout the Exercise.

However, the most pleasing factor during the happy week-end at Ilkley was the meeting of so many ringers who were until then just "a name," also the making of new friends and the renewal of old friendships. All these make for the better understanding and fraternal spirit which should (and does!) exist between Editor and reader.

With the co-operation and patience of all ringers the survival of *The Ringing World* is assured, but we do appeal to every reader to endeavour to interest one more subscriber. This will help considerably towards a larger paper and, eventually, to more articles of technical and general interest.

## University College of Wales.

## MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Travelling in a Land-Rover of a type more used to safaris than ringing outings, the U.C.W.S.C.R. held their last tour of the session on May 16. Towers visited were Llanidloes, Llandinam (where the peal the society rang there in December, 1969, was the first on the bells!). Forden, Chirbury, Welshpool and High Ercall.

The standard of ringing showed a marked improvement and several new methods were mastered. Apart from one bewildered hitch-hiker who refused the offer of a lift in a Land-Rover, the day was enjoyed by all. Thanks were expressed by members to incumbents of all towers for allowing them to ring.

The Very Rev. J. F. Pratt was installed as Rector and Provost of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Southwell, Notts, on May 2, and a peal of Plain Bob Maximus was rung in honour of the occasion by the resident band.

Mr. Joseph Cotton, who is recovering from an operation, had a "best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health" peal rung for him by the Leicester Guild at the Bell Foundry.

It is 76 years since a Sunday service band rang a peal at Chichester Cathedral, but another was accomplished on May 15 last. May the band increase in strength and enthusiasm.

The Croft brothers—James, John and William—of Southampton, have rung a peal of Minor on handbells—believed to be the first by three brothers for the Winchester Guild—and at an average age of 16 years 4 months. Congratulations—and to Ken and Madeline, the proud parents!

The vicar and churchwardens at Gospel Oak, Mdx, hope for their bells to be rung for the major church festivals during the year, and Walter G. Knight is hoping to be able to collect a band for these occasions.

## Belfry Gossip

The 50th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, S.W., was the 25th on them by the conductor, John Ketteringham. Method: Yorkshire Surprise Major.

For the non-conducted and silent peal of Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge, Wiltshire. Heather Kippin was umpire, and Frank Harris rang his 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

Basingstoke College Minor, rung as two 720's in a quarter peal for the first time, at Longparish, Hants, on May 26, was specially arranged to coincide with the birthday of popular Frank Tonge, tower captain. Intended as a peal of London Surprise Minor by the Sunday service band at Highclere, Hants, this was halted after a shift course and the quarter peal substituted.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at Solihull on May 25 was rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the rector's (Rev. Harry Hartley) ordination to the priesthood; also for the occasion of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Malcolm Ferrier (of Solihull) and the Rev. Simon Gedge (of Perry Barr) on May 24, 1970, in this church.

Digging through old Ringing Worlds, Mr. Geoffrey Dodd, of Highclere, Hants, has come across Double Bristol Imperial Major, which is very similar to Double Dublin and wonders if any reader can give him any details of this method.

Twenty-five years ago (April, 1945) Ted Peett first visited St. Margaret's, S.W., and rang a quarter. The other surviving member of that band is Mrs. E. Cave (née Deal) and the quarter was rung partly to commemorate the anniversary. Ted Peett has been a continuous member of the band since that day.

Ringing at Blackmoor, Hants, has started again and the ringers thank Mr. C. E. Bassett for all the time and effort he has spent overhauling the bells.

The peal cards advertised each week are Mr. Tom White's "speciality" and he apologises for the recent delay in delivery. The printers are so busy with election printing that the foreman has told his staff he will only accept a death certificate for a man not "clocking-on" at work!

First peal congratulations to Peter Wilkinson. Edwin J. Roper, Richard C. Offen, Malcolm R. Weatherhead, Leighton Cooke (14), Jeremy D. Owen, G. Nigel Williams (13), Miss M. Livingstone, Mrs. D. A. Preston, Alan Jackson.

Personal Records: Stuart Sandford (100 neals), Paul N. Mounsey (50), Geoffrey Pearson (300), Allan Keen (25), Michael Thomson (100).

The local company at Moulton, Northants, themselves installed a new floor for the ringing chamber and rang a peal to mark the occasion (and to test its stability, no doubt!).

Mrs. Olga Howes, a ringer at Brinklow, Rugby, has been licensed as a lay preacher—the second lady in the Coventry Diocesan Guild—and fellow ringers rang a quarter to honour the occasion.

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him.

VOLTAIRE.

## Ilkley Interludes...

Looking somewhat tired, an enthusiastic younger member of the Council slumped into a chair at H.Q. on the Monday evening and upon inquiry as to the reason of his weariness he replied that he had managed to ring in 16 different towers that day. He was not the m.u.g. some people would imagine, however, for he had had a substantial midday meal at one place—free! This gave him the energy to pursue his hectic way for the afternoon.

A revolutionary idea was put forward by one member of the Surrey Association—a national association or guild controlled by a nationally elected body. It did not receive much support.

Another suggestion, however, was a National Ringing Festival—and this did create some interest. (Book March 27, 1971, Guildford, Surrey, area.)

During the informal meeting the president (Mr. Freeman) at one point asked if anyone had any comments on the subject under discussion. Nobody spoke, but seeing a figure standing in one corner he queried: "Do you wish to speak, sir—or haven't you got a chair?"

The hills rising behind the hotels in Ilkley have an appeal all of their own, and two middle-aged and rather "well proportioned" ringers were boasting of having climbed to their summit on Sunday before breakfast. The only witnesses of this remarkable feat—the sheep (and they can't talk!).

Among the company booking in at the Craiglands Hotel on the Saturday were a newly-married couple, who for reasons best known to themselves unloaded their "decorated" car and left it blocking the entrance to the car park. On the windows of the car, among other scribbled words, "Aisle Altar Hymn" (a warning which usually comes too late!).

The father of a 14-months-old baby asked one of the hotel staff for a little bread and butter and a glass of orange. Three full slices plus a large jug of orange liberally treated with ice cubes arrived, much to father's (and mother's) consternation.

The president (Mr. Freeman), introducing Mr. Vernon Bottomley to the assembled company on the Sunday, said he understood many members of the Council received their Ringing Worlds as they were about to set out for Ilkley, and when they opened them and saw the picture of Mr. Bottomley on the first page immediately changed their minds and turned back for home again.

## A MISUNDERSTANDING

Regarding the Chester Guild annual festival at Nantwich on May 9, Audrey Grimsditch, of Northwich, writes:—

"The Vicar of Wrenbury came along just after all ringers but myself had left, having just found out that we had been unable to gain access to the tower at the arranged time. He wished to extend sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused, and said visiting ringers were always welcome and he would have let us in."



**AMERICAN LADIES' GRATITUDE**

Earlier this year we were asked to advise two American ladies in Chicago, Illinois, who were coming to England for a holiday, where they might see and hear English church bellringing, and we put them in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock, of North Mymms, Herts.

We have received the following appreciation:—

Dear Sir,—We wanted to thank you for putting us in touch with Thomas Lock of North Mymms prior to our recent holiday in England. Although the time flew by much too quickly, it could not have held greater enjoyment. During the first week, which was spent in London, we met Mr. Lock, who kindly arranged for us to attend a practice ringing evening at Hendon. This was our first direct experience with ringing and we decided at once there is no more joyous sound on earth. Miss Ruth Foreman, the ringing captain at Hendon, and her band were most cordial and patient in explanations.

We also, with Mr. Lock, were shown around Whitechapel Bell Foundry by Mr. William Hughes. We came away much impressed with the art and history of bell casting, perhaps most memorably with a sense of the many fine crafts involved and the very apparent congenial teamwork needed in this work. We were delighted to be shown the small replicas of the Liberty Bell destined to be sent to the U.S. and also to have visited the "birthplace" of Big Ben.

The very next day Mr. Lock arranged for us to climb the tower where Big Ben keeps the hours for London and we found much of interest in the history of the clock and bells. Standing beside Big Ben and the chimes at high noon to watch and hear them strike was, for us, very moving.

**IN THE COUNTRY**

After leaving London we spent two weeks driving about the countryside, visiting at Salisbury, the Cotswolds and areas near Nettlebed in Oxfordshire. At Nettlebed we had the good fortune to hear a band of touring ringers one Saturday morning. On a visit to nearby Goring that same day we encountered a ringing competition being conducted, which we found quite fascinating, particularly as heard from a hillside above Streatley across the Thames, which we'd climbed for a view of the valley. During a trip to Bury St. Edmunds and Ely we heard a local band of ringers practise one evening in an old Norman tower which was once a gateway to the Abbey at Bury. We visited Coventry Cathedral the next day and, despite the lack of bellringing while there, found it one of the most deeply moving experiences of our two trips to England thus far.

We must also report that we spent a Sunday at North Mymms with Mr. and Mrs. Lock, heard and observed the ringing at the church, and Mr. Lock took us to the bell chamber itself to watch them "work" for a short time. He and Mrs. Lock extended the utmost hospitality to us and we cannot but thank our good fortune to have met two such charming and gracious people. Certainly Mr. Lock's efforts on our behalf were far more than anticipated and spoke well for the kindness of English people as well as helping us to a better understanding and appreciation of bellringing. While we still feel ourselves novices in understanding, our enthusiasm has made us want to campaign for a ring of bells in Chicago. We surely hope that ringing will spread here

**CAMERA SHY!**

"Crundell," the 12-months-old golden Labrador, posed reluctantly for our camera with his mistress, Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley one evening at Ilkley H.Q. He became a great favourite with many members of the Council and on Tuesday, during their deliberations, sat patiently in the visitors' gallery surrounding the King's Hall. He was, however, quickly removed when he recognised his master's (Vernon Bottomley) voice and spotted his mistress nearby. He gave vent to his feelings of affection for them and, possibly, his desire to complain for having been neglected for so long.

**Bath and Wells Association.****A NEW VENTURE**

Saturday, May 16, saw the Ilchester Branch embark on yet another new venture—a striking competition held at Long Sutton (a good-going 17 cwt. six). It was an entirely new experience for most who took part and the branch is grateful to John Gilbert (association secretary) and David Yeo (Long Ashton) for acting as judges.

The honours went to the experienced veteran Yeovil team (17 faults) with Somerton (40 faults) second. Third were Preston Plucknett, a team recently taught (55 faults), fourth Long Sutton (60 faults), who rang call changes of longer duration than the others, and who rang Grandsire and Bob Doubles. It has been suggested that Yeovil and Somerton enter teams for the Diocesan Association's competition in the autumn.

After the tower teams competing had recorded their efforts, the "officials past and present" rang 120 Plain Bob Minor—and the judges detected 26 faults! The branch is grateful to the vicar of Long Sutton and Mrs. C. J. B. Marshall, the tower master (Mr. Albert Lewis) and especially Mr. and Mrs. Roger Winlaw for the use of a room for the judges at the Old School House, M. M. L.

beyond the few isolated spots now in the U.S.

Once again, please accept our gratitude. We find ourselves now unable to think of future holiday anywhere save England. We were convinced last year that it was the loveliest of countries, but this year's trip has deepened our awareness and love for it by far and we are convinced that ringing is one of its chief attractions.—Sincerely,

DORIS A. WEISS.

PHYLLIS J. FRENCH.  
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

**Llandaff and Monmouth Association.****WELL SUPPORTED**

Some 70 ringers, representing 16 towers, attended the Monmouth Branch meeting at Caerleon on May 9 and all enjoyed the delightful ring of eight light bells.

The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. Morgan Jones), Mr. Michael Meadows read the lesson and Mr. Ian Williams was organist. Tea was in Caerleon Senior School, prepared and given by the Caerleon ringers, for which Mr. Brian Neale expressed sincere thanks. He also thanked Mr. Greener (headmaster) for allowing the use of the school hall and kitchens. Mr. Williams, who was thanked for playing the organ, was a ringer at Ebbw Vale, is married to a ringer, Monica, the youngest daughter of Canon Oswell, and is well versed in the ways of ringers' services!

Members remembered with prayer Mr. Fred Woods, a ringer at Caldicot, who had died the previous day.

New members elected were from: Marshfield (5), Blaenavon (4), Chepstow (3), Grosmont (2) and Bassaleg (2).

Progress was reported from the newly-formed band at Llangibby.

Mention was made of the next quarterly meeting, to be held at Ebbw Vale in July, and the next evening practice, at Usk, in June.

Mr. Reuben Clench (master) expressed thanks to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting.

**Herts County Association.****SUCCESSFUL SURPRISE PRACTICES**

The Eastern District held their May meeting at Little Munden (6), a very historic church positioned on a hill with a commanding view across the surrounding countryside. Ringing was followed by a short service conducted by the Rev. E. Bennett, who gave the address.

Tea in the school was followed by a business meeting. Mr. S. James (district secretary) announced the arrangements for the outing in June, and David Harris (ringing master) spoke of the success of the monthly Surprise practices. Mr. John Kemp (Hertford) proposed thanks to the vicar, organist and Miss Lawrence and friends for the tea arrangements.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m.  
B. J. W. F.

**Lancashire Association.****A TRIP "ABROAD"**

Members of the Rochdale Branch (50 of them) left Rochdale on May 9 for their annual trip "abroad" and left promptly at 7.45 a.m.

The first tower, East Retford, was reached shortly before 10 a.m. and all seemed to enjoy the 23 cwt. ten. The light six at Ord-sall was next and a variety of methods was rung.

Lunch was at Worksop, and then on to the 12 cwt. six at Saxilby, where London Minor was well rung.

At St. Giles', Lincoln, eight-spliced went well for only six leads but a touch of Stedman came round.

Following tea in Lincoln there was the long walk up the hill to the Cathedral. Some good rounds and call changes began our evening's ringing on the light 12 at the Cathedral, but our change ringing was rather "lumpy." Nevertheless it was a most enjoyable day out with several "first timers" asking "When can we go again?"

Our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains for making us so welcome and to the three organisers.  
ANON.



## Notices

### SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.  
Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; 1/2-page £3; 1/4-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

### BIRTHS

**HENDRY.**—On April 22, to Pat and Barrie, of Harpole, Northampton, a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth, sister for Charlotte. 8972

**PAYNE.**—To Joan (née Gilbert) and Alan, of Londinium, Manthorpe, near Bourne, Lincs, a son, Matthew John Samuel, on June 1, 1970. 8986

### DEATH

**TAYLOR.**—Lily Gertrude passed away on May 29 at St. James' Hospital, Milton, after much suffering. "Perfect flower faded." Loved by all. God bless.—Loving husband, Tower, and son, Tower. 8980

### ENGAGEMENTS

**DARVILL—WILTON.**—The engagement is announced between Kenneth Darvill, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and Angela Wilton, of Buckfastleigh, Devon. 8969

**WALTON—QUAIFE.**—The engagement is announced between Brian Walton, of Liss, Hampshire, and Jenny Quaife, of Bromley, Kent. 8996

### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

**TOMLINSON—SMITH.**—The marriage of Brian and Mary will take place at 11 a.m. on Sat., June 20, 1970, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, to which all ringing friends are welcome. 9003

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**ORLEDGE.**—David and Glenda now live at 3a Corshamside, Neston, Hawthorn, Wilts. Tel.: Hawthorn 737. Ringing friends always welcome. 8981

**HALLETT.**—The address of John and Jean is now 20 Hunters Drive, Tarvin, Chester. 9009

**TOMLINSON.**—Brian and Mary now live at 14 Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby, DE3 2LB. Enthusiastic ringing/gardening/decorating friends are welcome. 9002

### PERSONAL

"And they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—Daniel xii, 3.

**N.U.S.C.R.** are pleased to welcome Paul back into its activities after his recent absence due to pressure of work. 8963

**H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N. L.** June 10th, 1945. Happy silver jubilee. 8993

**Ringing Towers.**—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Myms, Hatfield, Herts.

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### EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on June 16, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 16, St. Giles', Cripplegate; June 23, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 30, St. Lawrence Jewry; July 7, St. Giles', Cripplegate—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8994

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 20, Emmanuel Church, Clifton. Bells (8) available 6.30–7.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow either in church hall or belfry. 9008

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leominster and Church Stretton Districts.—Combined practice meeting, Ludlow, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) 6 p.m. 8976

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Practice, Henbury, Bristol (8), 7.30 p.m., Fri., June 19, at the kind invitation of the Henbury ringers. All welcome.—B. J. 9001

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., June 15, 6–8 p.m. Summer outing, Sat., July 11: meet opposite South Kensington Station on south side, 7.45 a.m. 9006

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Fri., June 19, at Shottesbrook (6), from 7.30 p.m.—A. L. Pearson. 9005

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—S.W. District.—Surprise Minor practice, Polstead, Wed., June 17, 7.30 p.m. 8997

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual shield contest, Bolsterstone, Sat., June 13. Draw 2.45 p.m. Bradfield available 3–5. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. W. Brearley, Ingfield House, Stocksbridge. 8844

**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Scalby and Scarborough on Sat., June 13. Bells: Scalby, 3–4 p.m.; Scarborough, immediately after tea. Service 4.30 at Scarborough. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Rennard, Yoredale, 102 North Marine Road, Scarborough. 8956

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70 Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 8974

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton, Sat., June 13. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 8952

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—June 13, Toft (3). Handbell ringing for all from 3 p.m. Tower bells available before service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting if necessary. Bourn (8) from 6 p.m. onwards.—J. S. 8931

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting, Loughton, Sat., June 13. Ringing 3.45–4.30 p.m. and in evening until 8.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. 8943

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—West-ern District.—Berkhamsted (8), June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Burbidge, 222 High Street, Berkhamsted. 8954

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting and striking contest, Sat., June 13, Wateringbury. Contest starts 2.30, followed by tea and general ringling. Names to Mr. R. Adams, Beck Mews, Wateringbury. 8955

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., June 13, Milnthorpe. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Beetham (6) after tea till 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49 Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8887

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Joint meeting with the Rosendale Branch at Haslingden, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 8992

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Caerphilly, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Tel. 2333). 8858

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MID-DESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Sat., June 13, All Saints', Isleworth, 2.30–4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5. St. Mary's, Ealing, 6.30–7.30. Christ the Saviour, Ealing, 7.30–8.30 p.m. 8958

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Theale on June 13. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available: Theale (6), 3–4.30; Englefield (6), 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. J. Gatward, Newholme, Crown Lane, Theale, Reading, Berks, RG7 5BQ. 8967

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Meeting, June 13, Hickling, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening, Langar. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Queens, Whatton.—R. B. 8971

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 13, Bredfield (6), 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own picnic. Cups of tea provided at a small charge.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8917

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Beddington, June 13. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Kimber, 112 Nightingale Road, Carshalton (Tel. 647 4193).—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8953

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., June 13, at Bosham (6), 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4.30. Chichester Cathedral (8), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 8959

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hinton-on-the-Green, June 13. Bells 3–4.30 and 6.15–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Elmley Castle bells 7.45–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Thomas, Hinton-on-the-Green.—S. Drew, Sec. 8918

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ilminster, on Sat., June 20. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service. Tea. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea, please, before June 16.—R. J. Dean. 9010

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warmley (6), Sat., June 20, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. K. Weeks, 103 Willis Road, Kingswood, Bristol, by Wed., June 17. 8989



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Barrington (6), Sat., June 20. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Branch Sec. by June 17.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec., Silver Street, South Cerney, near Cirencester. 8977

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, South Mimms, Sat., June 20, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Monken Hadley, 6.30–8. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58 Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Middx.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8998

**LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.**—Sat., June 20. Bells available 3–5 p.m. and 6–8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Tea shop opposite the church. 8988

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Bottesford, June 20. Bells: Long Clawson, 12.15–1.15 p.m.; Hose, 1.15–2; Harby, 2–2.30; Granby, 2.30–3.15; Orston, 3.15–4; Bottesford, 3–4.15. Service 4.30 p.m. at Bottesford, followed by tea in Village Hall. Names, please, to Mr. L. B. Box, 45 Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham, or Mrs. S. N. Hall (Gaddesby 294), by Wed., June 17. Ringing at Bottesford after meeting.—Ron D. Hughes, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8901

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Striking competition, Sat., June 20, at Horbling (6), 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to V. P. Evans, 9 Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs, by June 13.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8995

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—St. John the Baptist, Pinner, Sat., June 20. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8985

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 20, at Chiseldon, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Wilts, by Tues., June 16. 8984

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—A.G.M., Lichfield, Sat., June 20. St. Mary's (8) available 2.30–3.15 p.m. and after 7.15 p.m. Cathedral (10), 3–4.15 and after meeting. St. Michael's (6), 3.30–4.15 and, together with St. Chad's (4), after meeting. Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Hall. Names for tea (seating limited), please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29 Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 7NH (Tel.: Lich. 4539), by June 17.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9004

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, June 20, St. Mary the Virgin (6), Barcombe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Sussex (Tel. Hurstpierpoint 3735), by Wed., June 17. 8941

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kidderminster, June 20. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 17 at the latest. No name, no tea!—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8937

**EAST DERBYSHIRE and WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Sat., June 27, at Ault Hucknall. Bells (5) 3–9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Ernest Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS, by Fri., June 26. 8950

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stroud (10), Sat., June 27, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note 4th Saturday. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 8861

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Sat., June 27, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Pack, Long Spinney, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. Highclere (8) from 6.15.—M. S. Goss, Hon. Sec. 8966

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Sat., June 27, at Calverley. Bells (8) 3–4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Name for tea to Mr. P. Dawson, 34 Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by Tues., June 23.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 8987

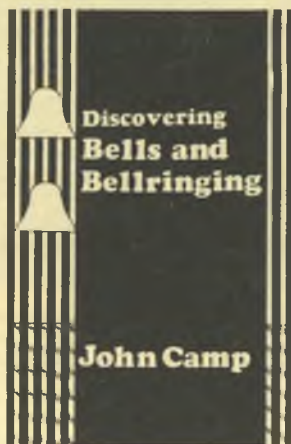
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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the

St. Ethelburgh's Parish Hall, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m.

on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, before Sat., June 20

Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time):—

10.30–11.30	Bledington (5), Brill (6)
11.00–12.00	Middleton Stoney (6), Ludgershall (5)
11.30–12.30	Caversfield (5), Piddington (5)
12.00–1.00	Stratton Audley (5), Launton (6)
1.00–2.00	Bicester (8)
7.00–8.00	Bicester, Kirtlington, Ambrosden, Middleton Stoney
7.30–8.30	Islip, Lower Heyford, Kidlington

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Linton	3.15–4.00
Ashdon	4.45–5.30

Service 6 p.m.

Saffron Walden 6.45–8.30

(12-bell ringing guaranteed)

No special arrangements have been made for tea; there are cafés at Linton, Saffron Walden and Four Went Ways (junction of A11 and A604).—L. E. Pitstow, 3 Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Tel.: 2074. 8991

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St. Mary-at-Finchley Guild, 1970, who recently were reconstituted with the Middlesex Guild. Back (l. to r.): Mrs. Ellen Richardson, Mr. Richard Bateman (vice-captain), Mr. Graham Pearce (steeplekeeper). Centre (l. to r.): Mr. Alec Richardson, Miss Erica Taylor, Rev. Preb. R. W. Matthews, B.A., Mr. Chris Fuller, Mrs. Mary Blades (hon. secretary and treasurer). Front (l. to r.): Mr. Lance Blades (third ringing generation on mother's side), Miss Carol Jeeves, Miss Loxley Moyle. Other members unable to be present for the photograph are Mr. Michael Carter (captain) and Miss Sally Chambers. Any ringers in the district who would like to join for practice: Thursdays, 7.30-9 p.m.: the outing, September 26. Anyone interested will be welcome and should telephone Mrs. Mary Blades (secretary).

### DOUBLE BOOKING

Mr. Geoffrey Dodd (High'ere, Hants), writing about double booking peals (R.W. p. 341), points out to Mr. R. Savory that although he (Mr. Dodd) conducted the peal on March 14 (not 24) which is referred to, he did not organise it but was instrumental in assisting the young organiser who wished to ring the heavy tenor (which he did very well) prior to a further peal at Sherborne (and a still heavier tenor!). Because of this Mr. Dodd had, unfortunately, to decline an invitation to ring in the "Geoffrey" peal at Evesham.

Mr. Dodd enumerates in his letter a number of peals rung for two or more Associations and ends by referring to the changes from 40 years ago, when floral names were changed as "unsuitable" and yet today we accept titles such as "Turkish Delight" and "All Fools Delight."

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### LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9011

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Swindon Branch) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (V.W.H. Branch).—Joint meeting, Bishopstone (8), Sat., June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only available 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Ashbury (8). 9018

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition, Aston, June 20, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Open ringing until 8.30 p.m. after tea. 9022

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Biddenden, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify H. Deacon, 30 The Meadows, Biddenden, Ashford, by Thurs., June 18. 9019

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.—Meeting, Whitby (10), June 20. Striking competition to determine entrants for Association competition in October. Draw 3 p.m. Free parking for ringers. Own arrangements for tea.—Edward Hudson, Branch Sec. 9021

### KEYNSHAM PARISH CHURCH FESTIVAL 700

As part of the celebrations to mark the 700th anniversary of the church a FLOWER FESTIVAL will be held

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On SATURDAY, JULY 18, the bells (8, 25 cwt.) will be available from 10.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. for general ringing or quarter peals.

Would parties wishing to ring, during these times please contact Mr. W. G. Dinham (Sec.), 22 St. Ladoc Road, Keynsham (Tel.: Keynsham 4425). Light refreshments will be available during the day in the hall adjacent to the church.

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### 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for June 8, 1945.

Joan Webster rang her first peal at Birkenhead and also in the peal were Marjorie Webster, Alex J. and John A. Webster.

A loyal address sent to H.M. the King from the Central Council was acknowledged by the private secretary.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher had an accident and broke her wrist.

The third anniversary of John S. Goldsmith's death was recorded.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston presided as master at the annual livery luncheon of the Company of Clockmakers.

Teaching is not just a matter of allowing a beginner to blunder somehow through a course of an unfamiliar method . . . and telling him which bell to strike over. Teaching is explaining things . . . and correcting faults. (Leader.)

On June 2 at Ipswich Mrs. C. W. Pipe rang her 150th peal—Cambridge Royal.

William C. Shute conducted his 100th peal at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.

A whole page in small type was used to report the findings of a sub-committee and other matters connected with *The Ringing World* and its circulation.

### 50 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1920.

The Central Council had no available funds for reprinting some of their publications, and the editor suggested in his leader that certain of the books be published in parts to help with the high cost of production and the uncertainty of would-be purchasers.

Leonard, Ernest, Frederick and Alfred Pitstow took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Saffron Walden, and Frederick Housden also took part.

In a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand at Birmingham J. Frank Smallwood rang 9-10 and the conductor, Frank W. Perrins, 3-4.

The Central Council set up a Records Committee for first peals in each method on various numbers of bells and for record lengths.

Laura Snowdon, writing from Cartmel, regretted the necessity to increase the Jasper Snowdon series, but postage was still free.

Augmentations were reported from Gosforth, Northumberland (8 to 10), Northam, Devon (6 to 8) and Pontefract, Yorkshire (8 to 10).

Five peals in honour of Empire Day were recorded.

First peals were scored by Miss Phyllis Hoare, Walter Leakey, Frederick Boreham and Arthur Chamberlain.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, June 20. Ringing: Berkeswell (6), 3-4 p.m.; Meriden (5), 4-5. Tea, Allesley, 5.15. Evening ringing, Allesley (8), 6.15-7.30 p.m., approx. Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road (Cov. 76413).—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 9026

VETERANS' REUNION, London, June 27, at Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names to J. Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 9013

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Striking contest on June 20 at Tempsford. Practice 2.30 p.m.. Cbntest approx. 3 p.m., followed by tea and general ringing. Entries and names for tea to M. Major, 92 High Street, Henlow, by June 17. 9014



# 5280 FELIXSTOWE SURPRISE MAJOR

By DENNIS KNOX

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26543	x			
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45623	x			
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Rung by the Cambridge University Guild at Oxford, April 18, 1970.

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By D. L. MILLS

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